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PREFACE

(TO THE LIBRARY EDITION).

ROWLAND WILLIAMS, D.D.,

Born Aug. 16, 1817, Died Jan. 18, 1870.

The letter killeth,
the Spirit giveth Life.
Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is liberty.

In the village churchyard of Broadchalke, amid the downs of Wiltshire, a granite boulder, surmounted by a small cross of old British type, bears the above inscription, and marks the resting-place of one who, having "in a short time fulfilled a long time," was early called to his rest.

Its motto serves to remind the passer-by of principles which he held dear, and which formed the keynote of his teaching.

A divine of the Anglican Church, Rowland

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Williams combined with strong prepossession in favour of her doctrine and ritual, an earnest love of Truth, and claimed the right of perfect freedom in all literary investigation of the contents of the Holy Scriptures. This caused him to become involved in the theological controversies with which his name is now associated. But while controversy was the accident of his life, being the result of circumstances in which he was placed, he did not love it for its own sake, and the characteristics of the keen controversialist were not those which *alone* or even chiefly belonged to him. Of other features which might be enumerated as finding place in his very varied character, most striking was the strong devotional feeling and deep spirituality which overshadowed and pervaded his whole life.

He was thereby led especially to turn his thoughts to the consideration of prayer, in its relation both to philosophy and ethics.

Regarding prayer as the "*ultimate test of theology*," he would often ask of different theological systems, "*How will this bear being prayed out?*" In his own teaching he laid great stress upon man's need of communion with the Father of his spirit, both at set times, and in set forms, as well as in the more constant aspiration of a devout life. He also held that between prayer and a logical belief, there should ever be an increasing measure of harmony.

The endeavour to embody prayerful thoughts in suitable words—at once sober and fervent—was a favourite and frequent occupation. As a boy at Eton, and an undergraduate at Cambridge, he was fond of composing prayers; and of late years the habit seemed to become to him in itself, as it were, an act of devotion, and he was wont to give some

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minutes daily, usually the first thing in the morning, to revising or writing prayers. Some of these have already been published,* and others still remain.

He was engaged about the present book at the time of his death, and one of the last wishes he expressed was that it should be published.

The MS. breaks off abruptly in the middle of the prayers "At an Eucharist," and forms Part I. of this volume, showing how far he had himself completed the work. It comprises Litanies, Psalms, Prayers, and Creeds, arranged anew from ancient sources, and in part from those *compiled* by Bishop Andrewes, but so much revised as to become in great measure original, and some of them I believe are entirely so. The fragmentary readings under the heads of "*Counsel*" and "*Story*," while showing incompleteness, give an idea of what had been further intended.

I have continued the "Eucharist Prayers," from Dr. Williams's intended copy of "*Ancient Collects*," Ed. I., and have placed them in Part II., together with the rest of these revised Collects, on the fly-leaf of which he had written, "*I should like this book, and if it may be, some other of my Revised Prayers, especially the later, published after my death, if not before.*" I think it, however, evident that had he completed the MS. himself, these Collects would have undergone still further revision and arrangement.

In Part III. I have added some Miscellaneous Meditations and Prayers, found among his papers, believing them to be his own. If I am mistaken about any of them, I shall be glad to be informed. Of these, the "*Meditations on God's Law*," and one

* "*A Revised Manual of Family Prayers, after Bishop Blomfield.*" By a Clergyman. May be had at Broadberes, Salisbury.

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or two of the prayers, appear to be of an earlier date than the rest; but, though of his early prayers generally he says, "*It is no use printing them*," it is thought that these are worth preserving, and may be an exception.

In carrying out my husband's wish, and publishing these Litanies, I indulge the hope that they may tend to supply a want felt, I believe by many, who desire help towards a *spiritual*, but at the same time a *reasonable* service, and (in some of his own words)—

> "*To those who worship the ETERNAL SPIRIT in spirit and in truth, and desire to offer daily the oblation of reason, or service of the mind*,"

I dedicate this volume.

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PART I.

Psalms, Litanies, Creeds, and Prayers.

"LORD, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another;

"Thou that art the hope of the ends of the earth, and of them that dwell in the broad sea.

"O Thou that hearest prayer, to Thee shall all flesh come."

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PART I.

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A Morning Litany.

GLORY to Thee, O Lord, who givest sleep to recruit our weakness, and to refresh this feeble frame.

2 So now grant to this day and all days, a holy, peaceful, and healthy course, for Thy name's sake, O Lord.

3 Let Thy mysterious providence be a faithful guidance, sending angels of peace as guardians of soul and body, to encamp around us, and ever prompt what is wholesome, for Thy mercy's sake, O Lord.

4 Grant us free pardon and remission of all sins and offences, since Thou art merciful, O Lord.

5 Though we know not what is best, give to us, O Lord, what Thou seest fit; only fit us for what Thou givest, and let it bring to our souls health and peace, with some good to our neighbour and the world, for Thy lively goodness' sake, O Lord.

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6 Give us the grace of self-command, with the power of repentance and soberness, for the remainder of our life, and health and peace to the end, by Thy living Spirit, O Lord.

7 Whatever is true, whatever is honest, whatever just, whatever pure, or lovely, and of good report, if there be any virtue or praise, such things enable us to fulfil, O Lord.

8 As Thy servant's life is in Thy fear, so let it proceed and end in faith and hope, without sin or shame, and if it please Thee, O Lord, without pain.

9 Let us make a good answer in the judgment, wherein the thoughts of all hearts are open before Thy searching remembrance, O Lord.

10 But oh! Thou, who art our Judge, and yet our Friend, whom we feel, but know not, whom we love, but cannot understand;

11 Thou Eternal and Ineffable, Fountain of life, and Author of being, Creator uncreated, upholder of Nature beyond Nature, who showest Thy thoughts in mankind, as in a glass;

12 Lord, I set Thee before the eyes of my mind, and I lift up my soul unto Thee.

13 I fall down and worship humbly, and stretch forth my hands suppliantly; my soul is as a thirsty land.

14 Let me say with the publican, God be merciful to me who count myself the chief of sinners.

15 Father of mercies, let Thy fatherly affection change not, and despise not the work of Thy hands, but renew in me Thy likeness as of old.

16 Lord, whom Thou wilt, Thou canst make clean: speak Thy word, and we shall be whole.

17 O Thou who art unsearchable in eternity, but who showest Thyself a Father by the Son, and a Saviour by salvation,

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18 Look on me with those eyes with which Thou sawest Elijah when he was jealous for Thee, and Samuel when he prayed, and Solomon when he asked wisdom, and David when he repented, and Augustine when his heart was turned unto Thee, that I may be a true child in my Father's house, and a subject in Thy holy kingdom;

19 And though I am ashamed for great shortcoming, let me hear Thee say, Thy sins are forgiven, and let me love much, for great forgiveness.

20 And Thou, all-holy Life-giver, renew my better soul with Thy breathing;

21 Make me to Thyself a temple of holy things, and abiding with me, O Lord, at the last, be ever gracious unto Thy servant.

SECOND PART.

BLESSED be the Lord God of our fathers, and our God, who turnest the shadow of night into morning:

23 Who makest night and day, darkness and light, and lightenest our eyes, that they sleep not in death:

24 Who deliverest us from terror by night, and from pestilence that slayeth at noon-day, making the outgoings of morning and evening to praise Thee:

25 I laid me down and slept, and my sleep was sweet; and I rose again, for the Lord sustained me.

26 Lord, make us children of light, to walk honestly as in the day, and keep us this day without sin.

27 Thou who upholdest the weak, and liftest the fallen, let us not be hardened in provocation, or in deceitfulness of sin.

28 From all peril and snare of evil, from sickness

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of body, and stain of soul, be our Defender this day, and ever.

29 Show me, O Lord, the way I should walk in; for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

30 Deliver me, O Lord, for I flee unto Thee: let not my days be spent in vanity, nor my years in sorrow.

31 Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for Thou art my God: lead me forth into the land of righteousness, for Thou art my defender.

32 Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy name's sake, and for Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

33 Remove from me foolish thoughts, and turn away my eyes from vanity; let mine eyes look on the thing that is upright, and my steps be straightforward.

34 Let not my ears be quick to evil sound, but be open to the instruction of Thy oracles.

35 Let my speech be out of the abundance of a good heart, far from anger and railing, holy and reverent.

36 Let me do some work, which may be accepted in Thy mercy, though unworthy in Thy pure sight.

37 Bless my work to good, to the fulness of which it is capable, and let me thank Thee for it with joy in the end.

38 Into Thy hands we commend our spirit, soul, and body, of which Thou art Creator, Saviour, Restorer, O God of truth.

39 Gather with us for good all that belong to us, kindred and friends, children or pupils, connections and poor neighbours: send Thy blessing upon all, and put strife afar from us.

40 Guard us from evil in soul and body; guard us from falling, and present us without spot, in the

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presence of Thy holiness, as Thou lookest on Thy redeemed.

41 Lord, to Thee I commit my going out and my coming in this dhy ; prosper Thy servant as Thou wilt, and grant him mercy in the sight of them that meet him.

42 Give Thy strength to Thy servant, and help Thy child, who putteth his trust in Thee.

43 Show some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may be ashamed, because Thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

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An Evening Litany.

WE thank Thee, Lord, for the day that is gone; make bright to us the evening at hand.

2 When life's long day is grey with evening, make light to us the time of age.

3 Cast us not away in the time of weakness; but be our strength and our friend when strength faileth us.

4 Perfect Thy strength in us; and when the day is far spent, lighten Thou our darkness.

5 We then remembering that as day and night, so are life and death, beseech Thee to direct our life till it close in peace, and make it holy and acceptable, sinless and shameless, and if it please Thee, painless, O Lord.

6 Gather us together, Saviour, with Thy faithful and Thy chosen, when Thou wilt and as Thou wilt, but with the answer of a good conscience, in Thy redeeming love, without shame, and without sin.

7 Let us prevent the night in doing some good thing, and let our answer be good and acceptable at the tribunal of our conscience and our God.

8 As the Lord has granted His lovingkindness in the day-time, at even we lift up our hands in the sanctuary; and praise the God of our life.

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9 Let our prayer be set forth in Thy sight as incense, and the lifting up of our hearts be an evening sacrifice.

10 As long as we live will we magnify Thee, God of our fathers, and our own, the living God.

11 Throughout changes and chances Thou abidest, and hast delivered us from the dangers of the day, and givest us songs in the night.

12 Lord, as we add day to day, let us not add sin to sin.

13 Behold, I turn with sighing from every evil way, and search out my heart, and with all my heart turn to Thee, God of penitents and Saviour of sinners.

14 Evening by evening I will breathe out my heart in returning, and out of the deep my soul in silence cries unto Thee.

15 In whatsoever I have sinned, let me repent truly; Lord, help Thou my un-repenting.

16 Let Thy mercy be greater than all my offences, and beyond Thy knowledge of my guilt let Thy love abound.

17 Heal, O Life-giver, every wound of the past, blot out every stain, take away the shame, and rescue from the dominion.

18 Cleanse Thou Thy servant from secret faults, and keep me back from every presumptuous transgression.

19 My wandering of thought, and foolish speech, my idle glance, and acting idly, lay not, O Lord, to my charge.

20 When we go astray from Thee, we destroy ourselves; bring us back to Thy refuge, and heal us.

21 Deal not with us after our sin, nor reward us according to our iniquity; but for the glory of Thy

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Name deliver us from every evil we have righteously deserved.

22 Vouchsafe, Eternal Father, rest to our weariness; when we are weak and restless, renew our strength.

23 O Keeper of all good spirits, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, lighten our eyes with Thy light, that we sleep not in death.

24 Keep us from all terror by night, and from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, as from the destruction at noonday.

25 Give us rest, as from toil, so from every evil thought; and visit us with visions of wisdom, or with quiet of refreshment.

26 From all illusion of fond fancy or terror, from evil remembrance, and evil designing, keep us, good Lord.

27 Thou in whose book all our members are written, grant us wholesome rest, free from terror and burthen, with holy trust and peace.

28 Thou art our Maker and our Judge, but also our Father, Saviour, and Friend; deny not the comfort of Thy Holy Spirit to Thy children.

29 Shelter our slumber with the wing of Thy pity; let our awakening be in good time, a time of blessing and of prayer.

30 Early in the morning will we seek Thee, with thanksgiving and zeal for Thy service.

31 Into Thy hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves, our spirits, souls, and bodies, to our Maker, Preserver, Life-giver.

32 Bless with us every friend, benefactor, and connexion, whom Thou hast granted to us in goodness, and bound us to with duty.

33 Guard our lying down, and our rising up, henceforth, Lord, and for ever.

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34 Let me remember Thee in resting; and when I wake up, be present with Thee.

35 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for Thou, Lord, only, makest me dwell in safety.

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FAMILIAR LITANIES FOR HOUSES OR ASSEMBLIES,

OR WHICH MAY BE USED BY ANY ONE.

The First General Litany.

THROUGH the tender mercies of our God, the Dayspring from on high hath visited us.

2 Glory be to God, the Creator of light, and enlightener of the worlds.

3 .O Thou that makest both light and darkness, Thine is also the light invisible, the revelation of God to our souls.

4 All writings of law, and oracles of prophets, all music of Psalms, and instruction of Proverbs, Hebrew and Gentile, these all are rays from Thy fountain, Sun invisible and spiritual, with whom is no night for ever.

5 God is the Eternal, who shows us light: bind the sacrifice of our hearts, with the cords of good-will.

6 Let us rise, as the Truth of God rises, to newness of life, who can bring again from the dead those who

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are buried in sorrow, and slain by sin; and can perfect us in every good work, to do His will, to whom be glory for ever.

7 Thou that ever sendest the breath of good thoughts upon them that seek Thee, withdraw not Thy presence from us, but renew it in us, when we call upon Thee, O Lord.

8 O pitiful and long-suffering Lord, against whom we have so sinned, we conceal nothing, and excuse nothing, but seek Thy forgiveness.

9 When we perverted that which was right, it advantaged us not; and we are without defence when we destroy ourselves.

10 Unto Thee, O God, belongs righteousness, when Thou judgest; but to us confusion of face, when we make answer.

11 And now, Lord, what is our hope, if any hope remain to us? our hope is in Thy goodness, that Thou wilt blot out our iniquities.

12 Thou knowest whereof we are made; Thou rememberest that we are but dust.

13 We are the offspring of Thy will, on whom Thou hast stamped the forecast of Thy likeness.

14 We are sheep of Thy pasture, whom Thou hast led all along, and taught to trust in Thee.

15 Destroy not, O Lord, the work of Thine own hands; let not haters of good rejoice in our falling.

16 Look upon the face of Thy children, and, in the abundance of Thy compassion, find a propitiation for the sins of the world.

17 For Thine own holy Name's sake, beside which none other under heaven is given, whereby we may be saved, Father, be merciful.

18 By the tender mercies of Him who is from everlasting, and by the strong crying of mankind out of

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perplexity, by the unutterable plaints of Thy own mind within us, striving with us, pleading for us, make Thyself known to us as our Saviour.

19 We forget not, O Lord, but remember bitterly, for our sins are ever before us.

20 Lord, make our penitence a repentance unto life; pardon what is past, and make holy what shall be.

21 Say to each of us in good season, Thy sins be forgiven thee: My grace is sufficient for thee: Fear not, little one, I am thy salvation.

22 Why art thou so heavy, O my soul, and why art thou so disquieted within me? return unto thy rest; for the Lord is thy deliverer.

23 Lord, rebuke me not in Thine indignation, neither chasten me in Thy displeasure; Thou knowest my desire, my groaning is not hidden from Thee.

24 I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord: and so Thou forgavest the wickedness of my sins.

25 My hands will I lift up unto the light of Thy countenance, which I have loved.

26 Open my eyes to see, and strengthen my steps to walk in the way of Thy commandments.

27 Lord God, be Thou to me a rock of strength, and let me love nothing, and trust nothing, in comparison of Thee.

28 Vouchsafe to enable us to worship and serve Thee, in truth of spirit, in reverence of body, in blessing of lips in private and public; to pay honour to them that bear rule over us, by obedience and submission; to show affection to our own by carefulness and providence; to cherish our wives [or lives] in sanctification and honour; to have our behaviour without greediness, content with what is rightly our own; to speak the truth in love; to have no pleasure in wrong, not to desire passionately, not to go after evil thoughts.

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29 But grant us the spirit of soberness to edge our ways with precautions; to bruise the serpent's head; to remember our latter end; to cut off the beginnings of evil; to be temperate and pure; to avoid the evil, and cleave to the good; to make all our senses good servants, and not evil masters; to give ourselves to prayer, and study repentance next to innocence; and may Thy holy Providence fence round our paths, that we fall not into evil, and compel us in Thy service to be saved.

30 We commend to Thee, O Lord, our souls and bodies, our minds and thoughts, with all their prayers and intentions, our senses and limbs, our words and works, our life and our death: [brothers, sisters, children], our friends, benefactors, and well-wishers, and all who have a claim on us by duty, kindred, or neighbourhood; our country and all mankind. We commend to Thee, O Lord, our impulses and beginnings, our intentions and attempts, our going out and coming in, our sitting down and rising up.

31 Thou, Lord, art the preserver of all living things, and the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings.

32 The Lord bless and keep us, and show the light of His countenance upon us, and be merciful to us.

33 The Lord hear us in all time of our need, and watch over us, and give us peace.

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A Fragment out of the above,

WHICH MAY BE ADDED OR OMITTED.

O THOU hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea;

2 Thou on whom our fathers hoped, and were delivered; waited, and were not confounded;

3 My own hope from my youth, and from my mother's breasts, be Thou my portion in the land of the living.

4 In Thy nature and Thy names, and in the experience of those who sought Thee, we find strength to lay hold upon, O Lord.

5 Thou who art a rock and a refuge let us not be disappointed in our trust in Thee.

6 Thou who knowest whereof we are made, and whereby our shortcoming, have pity on all, O Lord.

7 Lord both of the dead and the living, live we or die we, be Thou our hope: have pity on both living and dead.

8 O Helper of the helpless, and stronger than the strong, remember all who are in distress of mind, body or estate; succour them according to their need.

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9 God of all grace and truth, establish all who stand, and lift up the fallen out of delusion or sin.

10 Defender of all on whom thou pourest out Thy gifts, let Thy love be a perpetual ransom to the captive and distressed.

11 Grant that all Thy children calling upon Thee, may be joined in the fellowship of one Holy Spirit.

12 Remove not our candlestick, with its imperfect light, out of its place, until Thou givest us better light.

13 Amend whatever truths are wanting, establish the remains of freedom, ready to die.

14 Lord of the harvest, send forth labourers sufficient to reap a harvest of souls.

15 Grant to all that minister in the temple not made with hands, rightly to divide the word of truth, and rightly to walk in it.

16 Grant to Thy godly people, to be rightly taught, and to prove all things, holding fast that which is good.

17 O King of all the nations of the earth, strengthen law and order, reared by Thy forecast through the struggles of men.

18 Break the power of the tyrant and the spoiler, and put to shame the lips of them that rule by lies.

19 Show pity upon all fallen races, and establish the freedom of nations with soberness, and make wars to cease in all the earth.

20 O Thou expectation of all the isles of the ocean, save every country in which we dwell, from all affliction, danger, dearth, and need.

21 Lord of lords, and Ruler of rulers, let law prosper with rightful rulers, and let peace and freedom be multiplied.

22 Let those be chief in station, who are chief in

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virtue and in Thy fear, and teach Thou our senators wisdom.

23 Give to the courts of law Thy judgments, to judge in all things without preference and without partiality.

24 Thou art the Lord of hosts, both of heaven and of earth; defend evermore the right, and stay the fury of the oppressor.

25 Grant to our land healthful seasons, good harvests to our husbandmen, with all the blessings of the sunshine and the rain.

26 Thou who makest Thy rain to fall even upon the unthankful and the evil, make us thankful, humble, and holy.

27 Take away from us too great haste and eagerness to be rich, but bless our merchants in honesty, and our tradesmen in sober industry.

28 Let our children grow in wisdom as in stature, and send Thy blessing upon our teaching.

29 Peace be to our households, and let the children of peace dwell therein.

30 Thou who biddest our righteousness exceed the righteousness of formal persons, grant us to love those who love us, our own friends, and our father's friend, and all who in any way have done us good.

31 Thou who wouldst that we overcome evil with good, help us to forgive our enemies, as we pray to be forgiven of Thee.

32 Lead those who are divided by great searchings of heart, along the way of peace and concord.

33 Remember those who remember us in their prayers, and whom we have promised, or are bound to remember in ours.

34 Lord, have pity on those who by pressing work, or by blindness of heart, or by confusion of tongues and strife of thought, are estranged from prayer.

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35 Show mercy, O Lord, on all men, as on me, in all perplexity, pain, or extremity.

36 Thou who art the helper of the helpless, protect all weakly infants, all aged and infirm, the hungry and thirsty, the naked and sick, prisoners, foreigners, friendless, and any possessed with frenzy or despair.

37 Also on all troubled by temptation or distraction, the sick in soul or body, the hopeless and weak-hearted, orphans, widows, travellers, women with child, all in workhouses and prisons, all in hunger, sorrow, and loneliness, show Thy perpetual pity, O Lord.

38 Up with our hearts; lift them higher: we lift them up unto the Lord.

39 It is meet and right, in all things, for all men, in joy and sorrow, alone and all together, to remember and worship Thee, to trust in Thee, and praise Thee, Lord and Father, King and God, fountain of life and immortality, source of everlasting good.

40 Thee all the heavens hymn, and higher spirits praise, crying to each other, or going on the work which Thou givest them, and so perfecting praise.

41 Blessed be the Dweller of Eternity, my strength and my deliverer, my salvation and my refuge for ever.

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A Confession of Faith, with Prayer,

WHICH MAY BE USED AT ANY TIME.

I BELIEVE in the eternal goodness of Him by whose power all things are upheld; and in His eternal truth, which, known as the Word, is often manifested in men of low estate, even suffering and trampled, mocked and triumphed over, yet out of humility ascends into majesty, and returns to repay; and I desire the holy breathing of God more and more to bind men into a holy society, with the forgiveness of sins, and the hope of life everlasting.

Lord, help my unbelief, through things doubtful or feigned: but confirm my belief in that which lives in the hearts of holy men, for my soul's health in Thy sight, O Lord.

Teach us to reverence the Almighty for His power, and know that by goodness He brings life out of mystery; so in well doing let us commit our souls unto Him as unto a faithful Creator.

Let our salvation be of the soul, and our anointing be with good gifts. Being children of God by His kindness, let us be His children in goodness; let us serve Him faithfully in patience and humility, and in hatred of all sin; let us crucify the beginnings of evil,

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by mortifying pride, and burying evil thoughts in good works.

So let us be quickened in newness of life, set our hearts on things holy and pure, and judge ourselves, ere we be judged.

Let some breath of God pass over us with life, and His truth speak to us, and His providence grant us a portion among the holy and upright persons whom He calls His church everywhere; with all such let us have a fellowship of spirit, and, when it may be, of sacred rites and prayers. Let us be of those who watch or strive on behalf of the good and true: who to faith add virtue, and to virtue temperance, who hold a steadfast hope amidst knowledge of truth, and have the peace of God, which passes understanding.

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The Second General Litany.

EARLY in the morning, O Lord, I lift up my heart with my voice, and look up.

2 O Maker of all the expanse of the heavens and their stars, shall not the outgoings of morning and evening praise Thee?

3 Thou, O God, bringest out of Thy treasury showers and sunshine; the hoar frost as ashes, ice as morsels.

4 At Thy word the clouds from the ends of the earth show lightnings; the tempestuous thunder drives pestilence before it.

5 O Thou who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, set not our misdeeds before Thee, nor our sins in the light of Thy countenance.

6 Art Thou not He who hast made and preservest all things? why should Thy work perish, and all its best be in vain?

7 When Thou hast cast us into the ocean, art Thou angry that we are wetted? when we cry unto Thee in sinking, has Thy hearing no pity?

8 Deliver us from going down into destruction; ransom our life out of the pit of darkness.

9 Lord, have patience with those who can pay Thee

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nothing; therefore frankly forgive us the whole debt, we beseech Thee.

10 We who have been much forgiven, let us not grudge forgiving our fellow-servant a little.

11 Lord, hide not Thy face from us: forget us not, O Thou holy One for ever.

12 How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be vexed with perplexity?

13 Lighten mine eyes, that they sleep not in death; lest they that hate the truth and the right rejoice.

14 My trust is in Thy mercy, O Lord, against all confusion that would overwhelm me.

15 Remove from me profaneness and superstition: and all the way of tyranny and lying.

16 Give me not over to make idols of evil passion, or to rash oaths and a cursing lip.

17 Save me from irreverent eye, and from the hand of violence and the word of wrath.

18 Awaken me out of slumber, and lead me forth unto a land of uprightness, with firm step, and pure hand.

19 Dwell in our hearts, O Lord, and purge them from all base thoughts and ignoble desires.

20 Grant us that fear of the Lord, which is clean, and which rejoices the heart.

21 Let blessing follow us, because we have loved it; and let us leave off cursing, that it may not happen to us.

22 Let us be patient with all men; and obedient, where obedience is due.

23 Let our thoughts be pure, and our hands be washed in innocence.

24 Let our minds learn the mind of God, and our life be holiness to the end.

25 I believe in God the Father, Almighty Upholder

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of all the worlds; and in His eternal Truth, which comes forth in mankind; conceived of the breath of God, born of a virgin soul, suffering scorn from wrong-doers, laden with crosses, vanquished, trampled on, sinking into darkness, but rising in quickening power, ascending into dominion; armed as God's offspring; showing itself again to judge the quick and dead. And I desire to serve all men, uniting races in peace, and enlightening them with light; moulding them into many-tongued harmony: teaching them by the tender pity of God forgiveness of all that is gone by, but raising them through repentance into holiness of life, and praying God to fulfil in them our highest instinct, the hope of life everlasting.

26 And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in Thee; let me not be confounded.

27 Now let us all together pray unto God, and with hearty voice ask His blessing upon all.

28 Hear us cry unto Thee, O heavenly Father, imploring Thy remembrance of all things for all.

29 We pray unto Thee for all creation, that it may have seasons of health and refreshment;

30 For all races of mankind, of every nation, creed, colour, and tongue;

31 For the enlightenment of dark places, and the turning of wild men to the way of peace;

32 For the help and comfort of all infirm and distressed, in mind, body, and estate.

33 For the downfall of every tyranny, and for peace; order and freedom in the world;

34 Especially for all who are blessings to others, far off or at hand, especially in our own land;

35 For a spirit of justice for all who make laws, or administer them when made;

36 For all the common people, farmers and shep-

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herds, merchants and mariners, the workmen, and the poor;

37 For the good nurture of the young, in universities and schools, in town or country, and for all learners of trades;

38 For all who have a claim on us by kindred, or by doing us kindness at any time;

39 Also for all from whom we are severed by misunderstanding, and with whom we are at strife through error, or on account of truth and righteousness.

40 We pray also for citizens of our neighbourhood, who dwell near us peaceably and harmlessly;

41 For all whom we have promised to remember, and who remember us in prayer, or who ask of us the same;

42 For all who fail to call on Thee, and for whom no man intercedes; let Thy love be their intercessor:

43 For all who are in agony of anxiety, or in distress of affliction;

44 For all who strive in any good work, to God's glory and the welfare of men;

45 For all whom we have tempted, or hurt, or wronged, in thought, word, or deed.

46 Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and bless all in peace for ever.

47 Lord, guide our lives in light by Thy measure; purify all our thoughts by Thy love and holiness.

48 Renew our spirits, O God, who bringest health out of sorrow, and life out of death.

49 Once more glory to God, who is largely bountiful, long-suffering, and faithful; showing pity on thousands, and taking iniquity away.

50 Yet art Thou not bribed to clear the guilty, but bringest the sins of fathers upon children, and openest the chambers of iniquity to the sun.

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51 Glory to Him whose justice is merciful, and His mercy just.

52 If by angels and archangels men meant guardianship and glory; and if powers and thrones and dominions stand for signs of justice, judgment, and government; so may God tread every enemy under His feet, and bind all nature in concord, and save us from destruction, even from disordering circumstance and wandering mind; so what is spoken by us in parable and letter may He make true in meaning and spirit; and may the work we do in our day on earth be accepted in heaven for ever. γένοιτο.

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The Third General Litany.

GOD, who bringest light out of darkness, and callest to the ocean for its waters;

2 Who makest the earth fruitful, and causest corn and herb to grow in their season;

3 How shall man forget Thy goodness? Early in the morning we lift our hearts unto Thee.

4 Thine are all the depths and billows of the main; the continents of earth, and ocean's isles.

5 Thou clothest with flowers the meadow and forest glade, and givest corn and wine for man's food and health.

6 Thine are the long-buried treasures beneath the earth, forests of coal and mineral, and fountains of fire.

7 O Thou that beholdest the deep places of the soul, who can understand his errors as Thou seest them?

8 Cleanse me from all secret sins; hold me back from presumptuous sins, lest they have dominion over me.

9 When iniquities take hold upon us, that we are not able to look up, because they are more than the hairs of our head, and our heart fails us,

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10 Be pleased, O Lord, to hear and deliver us; for Thy Name's sake be merciful, though our sin be great.

11 Thou who savest them that trust in Thee, heal our souls, though we have sinned against Thee.

12 We have found sin to be confusion, and in wandering from Thy holy will is no peace.

13 Therefore in true contrition we turn from all evil ways, and we muse in our hearts, and with our whole heart turn to Thee again.

14 We seek Thy face when the stroke is upon our heart, and turn to Thee with all our strength.

15 Thou that dwellest in eternity, and art nigh them that seek Thee, heal us when we cry; take away our sin.

16 When we seem to ourselves the chief of sinners, and not worthy to be among Thy hired servants,

17 Lord, behold us from afar, and draw nigh to us, and restore to us the mind of children.

18 What profit is there in our blood, when we go down into the pit? Dust cannot praise, nor the lost bless Thee.

19 Thou whose strength is made perfect in weakness, change our heaviness into joy.

20 Turn our falling into rising, and our dreaming into earnestness; and our guilt into indignation, and our shame into striving.

21 So let our sin become vehement desire, and our wandering soberness; let us love much, since to us much is forgiven.

22 Thou whose name is Saviour, pour forth grace upon Thy people, and visit us with salvation.

23 Let me see the nations in freedom, and give thanks with the world at peace.

24 When God takes His seat in judgment, those

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see His face cheerfully, who being placed on the right hand hear words of blessing.

25 Who enjoy the sight of Him, and are ever with Him, those enter into gladness.

26 Lord, grant me a place, even the lowest, among the faithful, even the humblest.

27 Let me have grace to serve in reverence; even the second grace, not to have received the first in vain.

28 Revive, O Lord, Thy work in us, that we may stir it up, and grow in it, to the end of our lives.

29 Perfect in us what gifts we lack; and that we may trust Thee as we ought, help Thou our want of trust.

30 Establish our hope, and enliven our charity; that we may love Thee, our Lord, and our friend in Thee, even our enemy for Thee.

31 As we desire men doing to us, let us willingly do unto men.

32 Thou who failest not them that fear Thee, but art their hope and their reward, let us fear one thing only, the falling from Thee.

33 Thou givest grace to the humble, give us grace to escape pride, and to think soberly.

34 Shine, O Lord, on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death; and guide their steps into peace.

35 Let us think together in truth; and walk together in peace.

36 So far as we attain, let us be faithful, with humility and steadfastness.

37 O bless the Eternal and Unspeakable, for His Godhead, power, and providence;

38 Praise Him for saving and inwardly gifting; for adopting and sending us:

39 Bless Him who knows our thoughts and suffers in our sufferings, and is afflicted in our affliction.

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40 He mourns over His likeness marred : wherever truth is trampled, and sorrow wronged.

41 Yet by His breath of holiness God calls to His chosen, and consecrates the world again.

42 He purifies the earth as with salt : and fashions again mankind after His likeness.

43 He binds men honest in a communion of truth: He says to His children everywhere, they are brethren.

44 So our souls rise out of darkness ; we become children of the Eternal.

45 Lord, remember to crown the year with Thy goodness, as the eyes of all men look unto Thee for food in its season.

46 Open Thine hand with blessing from above, and let the fountains of the deep bring forth plenteousness.

47 Thou who governest in their courses all the stars, and settest fast the strong mountains and the everlasting hills,

48 Take away pestilence from the earth, and let Thy breezes bring health, and summer and winter interchange gifts.

49 Build up order in the commonwealth, and establish just government and law in freedom.

50 Let our sons grow up as giants of the forest, and our daughters as the columns of a fair temple.

51 Let us not mourn over decay, nor see any leading into captivity ; neither let there be complaining and strife in our streets.

52 Thou, O Lord, art praised in man's heart; unto Thee shall truth be spoken among all nations.

53 Thou art worthy to be hailed, All Holy, in honour and glory.

54 Thou that hearest prayer, of Thee my soul has need ; unto Thee the world comes.

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55 When my misdeeds prevail against me, be Thou merciful; let me have cause to give thanks with Thy redeemed.

56 Lord, open Thou my lips with goodness; let my tongue show forth Thy praise with power.

57 For all the gifts I have received, known and unknown, gifts of nature and grace, fortune and circumstance,

58 I thank Him who brought me into life His own way, who upholds my soul hitherto, and to whom I will trust my hereafter.

59 How many good things have befallen me undeserving, and how many sadly deserved evils have I seen pass away!

60 Suffer not our feet to slip in any peril, but in changes and chances shield us well.

61 O God, make perfect the turning of our hearts unto Thee, make it a fuller and entire returning.

62 Let Thy truth speak more and more hopefully to us; and let prayer and faith unlock the everlasting doors.

63 Let us not lose humility in Thy sight, nor deal arrogantly by men.

64 By all our great sins, and by Thy greater mercies, teach us humility and meekness, Lord.

65 All our lives have need to be forgiven, why do we grudge forgiveness to our enemy?

66 Blaming ourselves, we bless Thee, O Lord; and as fellow-workers with Thee we bless mankind.

67 Glory to God for all His goodness, in all things, and to all men, everywhere, and for ever.

68 Glory to Him, from the perfect and unspotted dwellers in heavenly light; glory to Him in our measure, from us unworthy and humble, sitting under their feet.

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The Fourth General Litany.

I THOUGHT in waking upon the Lord, who is my deliverer for ever.

2 Thou hast ordered in their courses sun and moon, the stars and the realm of light.

3 Days and weeks, months and years, answer to Thy will, and are witnesses of Thy bounty for ever.

4 Lord, when Thou art angry because of our transgression, all our righteousness fades, and withers like a leaf away.

5 But oh, Thou who art our Father, whose children we are; who art the Potter, whose unseen fingers mould us as the clay;

6 Though our sins be many, let the multitude of Thy mercies prevail, and though evil deeds testify against us, deliver us for Thy Name's sake.

7 O Thou hope of all holy and humble men of heart, and the Saviour of them that trust in Thee in time of trouble,

8 Why shouldst Thou be as a stranger forgetting Thy people: and as one out of sight afar off, that is forgotten in the land?

9 Give us not over as captives, in spiritual chains; but recover us, that we may awake to do Thy will.

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10 The good that they would, weak men do not; the evil which they would not, they do.

11 They consent to the law in word and thought; they shrink from holiness in deed.

12 The grace of God delivers from this body of death; and where sinfulness abounded, makes the strength of holiness to abound.

13 Lord, whose goodness makes the repentant strong; give us a true repentance in heart and life.

14 Enough of putting a lawless will for Thy law, and of going into a far country from Thy face.

15 Because Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, being holy, and without blemish or spot.

16 But oh, Thou our strengthener, who knowest our weakness; by Thy knowledge and Thy mercy we ask of Thee salvation.

17 Lord, Thou knowest all our desire, and our secret sighing is not hidden from Thee.

18 Let not those that trust in Thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my cause; nor those that seek Thee be confounded.

19 Take me out of the mire and clay, that I sink not, and deliver me from them that hate me.

20 Let not the dark waters overflow me, nor the deep swallow, and the pit shut her mouth upon me.

21 Save me from pride, envy, and wrath; from gluttony, desire, and greed, and from unholy indifference; Lord, tread Thou all these our enemies under Thy feet.

22 Make alive in us humility, pity, and patience; give us a holy, sober, and contented mind; with true zeal for the honour of Thy holy Name.

23 One thing I desired, and will require of the Lord; that I may dwell in His house, and behold His fair beauty visiting His temple.

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24 Deny me not, O Lord, before I die, the knowledge of Thy truth; to my soul's health, and to the deliverance of men into a holy freedom.

25 Into Thy hands I commend my soul and my prayer: give what Thou seest fit, and fit us for what Thou givest.

26 Give us wisdom to abound, or patience to suffer need; and where the Master placed us, there to be content.

27 Let us not be over-anxious for to-morrow; to whom strength is hardly for the care of to-day.

28 Yet if Thou wilt, O Lord, grant us a happy life, in things holy, reverend, and pure; in things honest, seemly, and fair; in health and cheerfulness and good name; in safety, friendship, and peace.

29 Let all our work be done well before we come to die; and let us be gathered into Thine arms, as the harvester gathers a shock in full season.

30 Let our death be happy; and our happiness beyond the power of death.

31 I believe in the living God, the Father who loves, the Almighty who saves, the Creator who forecasts the world; who in mankind makes Himself known by His Word, binding men by His breath into one, and giving us sonship as sons, though we owe to Him as Lord the faithfulness of servants; who ever cares for His own chosen, and out of suffering brings victory; who in our obedience takes away the curse of threatening law, and by our faith robs death of its bitterness. His light enlightens the tomb, and His truth lives for ever. May we partake of His life, and rise out of sorrow; rise out of despair and fretfulness; rise in prayer and trustfulness; rise in spiritual power and life. May He in compassionate judgment render unto each man according to the works of a man.

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May He breathe on us holier power, and unite us to Himself and to our brethren, of every name, colour, and opinion, with sympathy in all sanctity and right, with faith of sins forgiven, a lively hope of rising out of every evil, and of eternal life before God.

32 Lord, let us not be disappointed in our hope; when we trust in Thy mercy, which is from everlasting to everlasting.

33 Remember all for good; and be reconciled to those who know Thee not at all.

34 Scatter offence, and abolish war; and let the multitude of free nations have peace.

35 Stop the uprisings of strange errors, and take away the reign of ignorance and persecution.

36 Grant to us Thy peace and love, O God our Saviour, who art the hope of all the ends of the earth.

37 Crown the years still with Thy goodness; the eyes of all wait upon Thee for meat in due season.

38 Remember all Thy family of mankind; from one end of the earth to another.

39 Grant us peace, and establish Thy truth in us; as Thou fillest all things living with plenteousness.

40 Remember those who remember the poor; give of Thy grace heavenly gifts to liberal givers.

41 Let us use rightly things earthly, to gain things heavenly; for perishable treasure let us have joy divine.

42 Remember all in loneliness by necessity or by choice: comfort the mourner with Thine own communion.

43 Let those whose marriage is honourable, have double joy; let their seed stand fast in Thy sight, being nurtured in Thy fear.

44 Remember every fruitful soul in trial; and

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comfort, if it be possible, every one in sorrow or distress.

45 O helper of the helpless, bring the wanderer home, and give health to the sick, and deliverance to the captive.

46 Let governments be governed by Thy wisdom, and let the freedom of nations grow and prosper.

47 Speak counsels of truth to our counsellors, and teach our senators righteousness.

48 Give us peace undisturbed by ill-will, that we may lead a quiet life in godliness and honesty.

49 Teach, O Lord, all the teachers of mankind; and let the chief in authority be chief in judgment.

50 Enable graciously all shepherds of men's souls to be reverend in life, as in office; and rightly to divide the word of truth, and rightly to walk in it.

51 Remember, Lord, our brethren everywhere, praying in this holy hour, and anywhere seeking Thee in truth of heart.

52 Remember also those who on fair reasons are away: bring near those that are afar, and teach the prayerless to pray.

53 Gather all those that are scattered; restore the wanderers; and build them in the living temple of upright and holy men.

54 Sustain the aged, comfort the weak-hearted, set free those whose souls are bound in misery and iron.

55 Be a fellow-voyager with the voyagers in the deep, and a fellow-traveller with travellers by land.

56 Stand forth for the widow, and shield the orphan: give a heritage of joy to them that are childless.

57 Remember, O Lord, all those that are captive or sick, in prison, in garrets, in collieries, in mines; in every affliction, necessity, and emergency everywhere.

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58 Turn those who hate us, and bless those who love us; bless all who have desired a place in our prayers.

59 Shall not all those whom we have forgotten be safe in Thy hands; who knowest the name and stature of every one from his mother's womb, and even our thoughts long before?

60 To Thee all nations cry aloud, who hast many names and one nature; the one helper of all, and all things to all men.

61 Thou who knowest each man and his prayer, every house and its need;

62 Deliver all from famine and plague, and earthquake and the sword; and give what is fit for all, and fit us for what Thou givest.

63 Put away the religious quarrels of ignorance and pride: break the oppressor's rod, and silence them that rule by lies.

64 Teach men in peace to understand each other's dissonant cries, and receive all nations into Thy kingdom.

65 Let us dwell with Thee in peace, as children of light: and in Thy light, Lord, let us see light.

66 Direct, O Lord, in peace the close of our life; trustfully, fearlessly, and if it be Thy will, painlessly.

67 Gather us when Thou wilt, into the abodes of Thy chosen; without shame, or stain, or sin.

68 The brightness of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper our handiwork.

69 Lord, be our strength within us, and our guard without us.

70 Knowing that sin divides us from Thee, let us hold fast the power of looking up to Thee.

71 Blessed be Thou, living Lord of mankind, and of our fathers throughout all generations.

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72 Be Thine, O Lord, the triumph and victory, over all death and pain, and crying and tears.

73 We have trusted in Thy Name for ever; let not the hope of them that trust in Thee be confounded.

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The Fifth General Litany.

WE lift up our hearts unto Thee, O Lord: we rejoice in Thy mercy in the morning.

2 Blessed art Thou who bringest life out of mystery, and makest all things live: our sustainer and awakener out of sleep.

3 As Thy thoughts are fairer than things seen, so draw us after Thee, O God.

4 Open our ears to eternal counsel: put in our hearts the peace which passeth understanding.

5 Lord, because Thou livest for ever, and because Thy compassions fail not eternally:

6 Therefore Thou willest not the death of a sinner, but that the ungodly return from his way, and live.

7 When Thou callest us to return from our wicked way, for why will ye die, O wandering men?

8 Then our hearts answer, Turn us to Thyself, O Lord, and so shall we be turned.

9 Turn us from all our iniquities, and let them not be to us punishments.

10 Too often we have done evil, and shut our eyes to the light of Thy judgments.

11 Lord, to Thee belongs righteousness; but to man confusion of face, this day, as of old.

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12 Lord, incline Thine ear, and hear; defer not to help the helpless, and forgive those that ask forgiveness.

13 In many things we offend all; and if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

14 We confess our many sins, known and unknown: Thou, Lord, be faithful and tender to forgive us on our confessing.

15 Let Thy Love plead with Thee as an advocate; Love triumphing over judgment, and taking away the sins of the world.

16 Let the same Love plead with us, convincing us of sin, and persuading us to repentance.

17 Will the Lord cast off for ever? or is His mercy come to an end for evermore?

18 Nay, it is our own infirmity; but we will remember the ages of the right hand of the Eternal.

19 Lord and Life-giver, come and breathe upon us: Thou canst lift us out of the lowest pit.

20 Give us grace to put aside every weight, and the sin which too easily besets us.

21 Subdue in us unseemly pride of life, and restrain every movement of thought against the will of Thy sanctity.

22 Grant us to be poor in spirit, and to have our portion in the kingdom of heaven.

23 Sanctify our sorrow, so to mourn as to find comfort: so to be meek, as to inherit the land.

24 Let our great hunger and our thirst be for righteousness, so that we may be filled with the bread of heaven.

25 Teach us so to be pitiful, that we may be pitied in our need; to be pure in heart, that we may see God.

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26 Make us peace-makers, as children of God: that our reward may be Thy peace, even if we are reviled for Thy righteousness' sake.

27 All this grant to us, O Lord, giving us first Thy righteousness, and adding thereunto what Thou wilt.

28 To whom should we come or fly, but unto God, who is a rewarder of them that seek Him?

29 Through the grace of the living God we believe that we shall be saved, even as our fathers.

30 Though we are fallen deep in sorrow, and men walk over us with pride, and say, Down with them;

31 God lifteth the fallen on to their feet again, and we shall see His goodness in the land of the living.

32 Our heart rejoices in Him in whose holy Name we hope, the Father of our life, and our comforter in death.

33 Lord, in whom we have trusted, let Thy merciful kindness be upon us.

34 Let us pray the Lord in peace, for the peace and salvation of our souls;

35 That the whole world may be at peace, and free nations united in good order;

36 That the house of God may be established above the waters, and nations flow into it with reverence.

37 Lord, let the year be crowned with Thy goodness, and the dwellers of many lands rejoice in Thy bounty.

38 Turn away war from our border, and let not disease or famine terrify us.

39 O Lord, feed the hungry, and bring back the wanderer; comfort all in sickness, and strengthen those whose shoulders are burthened.

40 Thou lightenest, O God, the dark places of the coal-pit, and givest cheerfulness in the workhouse, and hope in the dungeon.

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41 In the Father of our being we put all our trust; and commend to Him our lives and each other.

42 I commend me and mine, and all that belongs to me, to Him who is able to keep me without falling, and to place me without spot in the presence of His Glory;

43 Who blotteth out the stain of evil memories, and guideth our feet in the way of peace;

44 Whose compassion is greater than our iniquity, and who putteth strength in the weak of heart;

45 Who showeth Himself a God that careth for us and putteth away from us every sorrow.

46 Glory to Thee, O Lord, for life and reason, for protection and guidance.

47 Thy love is in all our gifts of training and of prayer; Thy grace in nature, and Thy counsel in chance.

48 Thou knowest us when we know not, and callest us when we hear not; and hast led us through all our years, up to this time.

49 Thine are the good things we have received, and Thy gifts are the good things we have done.

50 Bless now, O Lord, our day, and be our promise and hope of good things yet to come.

51 Thine are all our friends and companions; the smiles of home, and hope triumphing over sorrow, and love putting away sin.

52 Bless our parents and teachers; and be thanked for all who have done us well.

53 Bless all who have taught us good; and if any have learned evil from us, blot it out.

54 But for all their blessings be Thou blest; and let us give thanks to Thee by doing good for ever.

55 If we have lost Thee, O Lord, show Thyself to us again; let us seek Thee chiefly in well-doing.

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56 What are we, that we should be so far from our Father's house? and what is the love of God, that He should look upon lost wanderers?

57 What reward shall we render unto the Lord, for all His goodness and His forgiveness?

58 Holy, Holy, Holy, unsearchable in eternity, Father of all men, and Life-giver for ever;

59 By Thy goodness things live and breathe, as by Thy wisdom they were born of old.

60 O Lord of life and love, take hold of us with unseen fingers, till we stretch forward all together to life everlasting.

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The Sixth General Litany.

LORD of our life and of eternity, let us remember Thee in waking, and early let our prayer come unto Thee.

2 Blessed be Thou, O Lord, who bringest forth on earth, and out of earth, wild creatures, bird and beast, and creeping thing, and makest man after Thy likeness, to rule the earth, and crownest him with blessing.

3 Thine is our breath, and Thine our likeness; counsel to desire, and hand to fashion, come of Thee.

4 Thou settest man Thy steward over Thy works, and givest Thy unseen powers charge to guard him.

5 Thou openest his eyes to the light, and hast moulded all his limbs in harmony.

6 Thou settest the mind wonderfully within the body; Thou unlockest the treasures of harmony, and makest fine the springs of conscience.

7 From Thee came ancient revelation and writing: deep sayings of prophets, and songs of praise.

8 From Thee are all the wise sayings of old time; the experience of story, and worship of prayer and offering.

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9 In the blind struggles of men is the promise of Thy truth; and in fulness of time fulfilment, when out of evil comes good, and patience ends in victory.

10 If we have withstood Thee, and forgotten Thee in sin, let us return unto Thee, O Lord.

11 We will take with us words, and say unto Thee in returning, Blot out our sin, and quicken us, that we may render the fruit of our lips.

12 Take back, O Lord, Thy heritage in our hearts; for by whose help shall Thy weak ones rise?

13 When I went astray, and was cast out of Thy sight, my soul fainted in me, and I remembered Thee.

14 I will look again towards Thy holy temple, who savest us from going down into the pit.

15 Who is a God like unto Thee, who blessest the remainder of our years, and retainest not Thine anger for ever?

16 Turn again, O Lord, after Thy tender kindness and faithfulness; and cast all our sins into the depth of the sea.

17 Behold us clothed in garments of guilt, and accusers standing at our right hand; we hear Thy voice, and are afraid.

18 Lord, rebuke every lip of falsehood, and let the tongue of malice be still.

19 By Thy fountains of compassion, that wash away uncleanness, save us as it were brands snatched out of the fire.

20 Father, forgive men who know not what they do in sinning against Thee.

21 Remember us, in the day of Thy counting Thy jewels, and when Thou buildest up Thy kingdom.

22 Neither lay to my enemies' charge their sins, nor my own to mine.

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23 By the agony of mankind striving; by men's heads bowed in shame, and eyes filled with tears; by their necks weighed down with burdens, their feet and hands perplexed and bound; by their hearts often pierced, and tears of blood flowing; and by their strong crying out of misery to their God: be moved, O Lord, to arise and amend the earth.

24 Be not forgetful of us, O Lord, for ever: nor let generation after generation call upon Thee in vain.

25 Wilt Thou not turn again, and quicken us, that we may rejoice in the light of Thy salvation?

26 God grant us grace in purity of spirit to turn all our capacities to wholesome account.

27 Put away from us every unblest excess: all lawless desire, and servile will, or work of evil.

28 Save us from enmity and strife, from all malice and envying, from religious blindness and faction, and from brooding of evil temper.

29 Give us, O Lord, things holy, calm, and blessed; love, joy, and peace.

30 Teach us long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance.

31 Give us a mind of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and power, knowledge and godliness, and the holy fear of God.

32 Pour out the gifts of the ever-living God, words of wisdom, knowledge and charity, gifts of healing and working wonders on men's hearts, the clear eye of truth and discerning of spirits, a learned tongue, and interpretation of tongues.

33 Defend us, O Lord, with Thy power, and let Thy faithfulness save, and Thy truth guide us.

34 By the indwelling of Thy breath of holiness, peace, and truth, hallow us, and in the fellowship of godly men strengthen us.

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35 By pure religious rites consecrate us, and let their inner meaning cleanse us, that our scars of soul may be healed, and the wounds of sin done away.

36 But the peace of God which passeth understanding, keep our hearts and thoughts in the knowledge and love of God.

37 Father, we believe Thou hast formed us for good; we desire so to live and die, as to fulfil with Thy blessing the best ends of our being.

38 Lord, since Thou hast planted Thy likeness in mankind, suffer not the true image of Thy children to be blotted out.

39 Since Thou hast redeemed us by great pardon, suffer not that redemption by our faithlessness to perish.

40 Since Thou hast hallowed us by heart awakening, destroy not Thy new creation of our souls.

41 Since Thou hast grafted us into a good olive tree, make us fruitful boughs, not to be cut off in judgment.

42 Our souls have longed for Thy salvation, and we have a good hope because of Thy word.

43 We will now pray for the prosperous advance of the whole army of godliness, with the weapons of light, and love, and truth;

44 For all our fathers in life and teaching, and for all our brethren by birth and kindred mind;

45 For those who have pitied us in our need, and spoken well of us, or done us any manner of good;

46 For those also who hate and defame, as well as those who love us.

47 For all who pray for us, and for all whom we have promised to remember in prayer.

48 For our kindred, our charges, and dependants, whether near or absent;

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49 For all who voyage by sea or land, and for all who lie in sickness, or wasting away.

50 For the liberation of all captives and slaves, and for the freedom of oppressed nations.

51 Let us pray also for fruitfulness of the earth, for the staying of pestilence, and for the hush of all earthquake and storm;

52 But chiefly for every soul that loveth and seeketh truth, and for humble and holy men of heart;

53 For teachers and patriots, and true helpers in prayer; for all lovers of mankind, and hasteners of God's kingdom.

54 Thou who, on mankind's falling, as we often fall sadly, from Thy mind, dost not pass him by, nor cast him off, God of all goodness;

55 Even Thou who, as a tender Father, restorest him with precious promises, lifting him up, and turning him, and giving him life;

56 Thou who openest to him the door of faith, and of a new mind, and of deep insight into the truths which bring peace;

57 Thou who enablest him to offer the oblation of his life, to fulfil Thy will in well-doing;

58 Thou who thus givest us a death unto sin, and a blessed rising again to Thy love, and Thy quickening life:

59 Lord, let not all Thy work be in vain, whereby Thou bringest our race again, that it may partake of Thy grace and glory.

60 If stories of old time fade, and earthly parables fail, let Thy kindness be ever new, and heavenly truths become perfect in us.

61 Worthy is he that suffers and prays, to open the spiritual seals of the book of conscience unveiled;

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62 To him ancient faith grows young, and the God of old is the living friend.

63 But, O Lord, perfect Thy work in us, and let our eyes behold Thy salvation.

64 Thine is blessing, and glory, and thanksgiving, and power, and might for ever, O Lord.

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The Seventh General Litany.

LORD, who art gracious to them that wait on Thee, be our arm of strength every morning.

2 Blessed art Thou, who givest labour and rest, our salvation also in time of trouble.

3 Grant us day by day quietness and peace, while we follow those already called to their rest.

4 We are ashamed, when we lift up our faces to the All-Holy; for our shortcomings have been from our childhood until now.

5 How shall we stand before Him who knows all our thoughts, as He reckons the sand of the sea?

6 We are not worthy to look upon the height of heaven, in our shame and perplexity of soul.

7 Because we have neither loved Thy will, to follow it; nor kept Thy commands, to obey them.

8 But now our hearts kneel to Thee, beseeching Thy goodness to lift us up again.

9 Convert us unto Thyself, and make us Thine own, Thy children in name and in deed.

10 Take away all our sin and its remembrance; cast into the depths of the sea whatever separates us from Thee.

11 Thou that art the Father of the innocent, and

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the Saviour of the repentant, show us all Thy loving-kindness.

12 Thou that countest our little worthiness as if it were great, and hast pity even on the unworthy, give us cause to praise Thee always.

13 Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make a new mind in us; speak but the word, and we shall be healed.

14 Since we have no man to help us, loose us Thyself, Lord, from our infirmity.

15 Perfect Thy strength in our weakness, and let Thy grace be sufficient for us.

16 Say to us, Be of good cheer, and open our lips from shame, that they may show forth Thy praise in joyfulness.

17 Blot out of Thy book, and out of our memory, out of our habits and thoughts, and out of influences that turn our steps, every trace of sin.

18 Be thou, O God, our salvation, and the upholder of our life, for Thy Name's sake.

19 Forgive, O Lord, every failing and falling, each offence and trespass, and all our negligences and ignorances.

20 Remember not the guilt gone by, and blot out every thought of stain.

21 Let every hurt and grief vanish in Thy healing, that they be no more found.

22 Increase and multiply upon us Thy graces: to our faith add virtue, and to our knowledge charity.

23 With charity make perfect patience, and with patience strength, and peace towards God and man;

24 That we forget not the Giver of our health, but give diligence to make our calling sure;

25 That we abound in all works of sincerity, and hold fast the anchor of our salvation.

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26 When we call Thee Father, give us the mind of children; and as a father pitieth children, be gracious to us for ever.

27 When we own Thee Lord, make us obedient servants, and let the breath of Thy holiness be the law of our deeds.

28 And though we were neither children nor servants, but sinners and wanderers; refuse us not the crumbs from the heavenly table.

29 O Thou that rejoicest to save sinners, save each one in turn that counts himself of sinners the greatest.

30 Suffer not anything to be lost, which has trusted in Thee; nor that which Thou hast created to be in vain.

31 Let Thy Spirit take all our inarticulate groanings, and translate them into everlasting prayer.

32 As our fathers who trusted in Thee were holpen and not confounded.

33 So in the need of the times that are, and shall be, be Thou our hope, and that of all generations.

34 O Eternal King invisible, let all kings and nations obey Thy law.

35 Lighten with freedom the dark places of the nations, and give peace and godliness to the world.

36 As the round earth is balanced by the counsel of Thy wisdom, so in Thy truth let our minds be established.

37 God who by His power upholds, by His wisdom enlighten, and by His living breathing give us love.

38 Guard all our bodies and our souls; with senses healthful and sound, and with actions holy.

39 Fulfil all our prayers, as Thou seest best, O Lord; and inspire us with thoughts which Thou wilt bring to good effect.

40 Let whatever things are gone by, find Thy

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pardoning grace; and our souls for the time to come be safe in Thy power.

41 Now to Him that can do more than we have asked or thought, let our prayer go up in faith, with thanksgiving.

42 O everlasting Teacher of mankind, from Thee come the workers of good for ever.

43 Thine are the revivers of godliness in the world, and the sowers of winged seeds of truth.

44 Thine, O Lord, is the great company of our ancestors, the sacred truth-tellers, and glorious patriots.

45 All makers of story and song, and the masters of harmony are Thine, and the pure sufferers for godliness.

46 Whoever have vanquished evil, and in faith and hope gone through labour for right,

47 Dost not Thou count their blood precious, O Lord, and remember all their tears?

48 Glory to Thee, Lord, for Thy Spirit in them; and in their spirit let us praise Thee.

49 Thou Lover of the holy and upright in the east and the west, let us love Thee with unity of mind.

50 Shall not all nations, each in their tongue and home, because Thy judgments are known, praise the living God?

51 For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth now as of old: let us rejoice because He dwells among men.

52 The humble and meek shall be His people, from whose eyes He shall wipe all tears away.

53 There shall be no more fear of pain at His hand; neither strife nor crying over prayers; for the evil things pass away.

54 Lord, perfect Thy work in us, and for us: and let us live as children of the Eternal.

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A Litany for Pardon.

LORD, who knowest all things, and lovest all men better than Thou knowest, Thine is might and wisdom and will to save us.

2 We neither can, nor know, nor will as we ought; order Thou our wills by Thine, as is good for us.

3 With Thee is tenderness and multitude of pity, in overlooking the sins of years, and not striking willingly.

4 Thou needest no one to stand between us; but art ready to be reconciled to whoever will turn unto Thee.

5 O God, in whom dwells creation's mystery, and salvation to children that turn again, and life-giving light to them that trust in Thee, uphold, enlighten, and quicken us again.

6 Remember not, Lord, the sin of to-day, nor the dark story of days gone by, but renew us into Thy likeness again.

7 Not after our many sins and unworthiness, but after Thy infinite pity, deal with us.

8 As our fathers called unto Thee, and were

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holpen; and were led along the ways Thou sawest good; so in all time of need, from all evil, the evil of our time and of our hearts, deliver us, good Lord.

9 From all perplexity of mind and state; from loneliness of thought, and discontented brooding; from wondering what Thou wouldst have us do, deliver us, Lord.

10 Especially from whatever sin besets us, save and deliver us with might, O Lord.

11 Stand Thou by us in sickness and sorrow; lighten our hour of death, and speak for us in every day of judgment.

12 Save from all hopelessness of shame and remorse, and from self-reproach of uselessness for ever.

13 Take away from us, good Lord, in time, all hardness of heart, and desperation of sin.

14 Give us not over to blindness of soul, and an undistinguishing mind, or any sin unto death.

15 But save us from all secret or presumptuous sin, and from doing outrage to Thy patience, or rejecting the work of healing.

16 Save all our people from plague, famine, or war; from earthquake, or flood, or drought, blast, and blight.

17 From all sharp sickness, or lingering pain, and from undue or unexpected death, deliver us, good Lord.

18 From strife in our prayers, and perplexity in our teachings, and from all false and deadening interpretations;

19 From superstitious and ungodly teaching, and from innovation in things unchangeable;

20 From all pride of ignorance, or of knowledge, and from the tyranny of the unlearned or the worldly;

21 From darkening counsel with words, and from

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remembering our differences with men, till we forget our God;

22 From all anarchy and tyranny, and from confusion of mind, family, and state, enlighten and deliver us, Lord.

23 From the loss of wise counsellors in Church and State, and from growing weary of Thy holy word and will;

24 From all bereavement, sorrow, and desertion; from all things that separate us from each other and from our God;

25 From all evils we have prayed against, and from all we have not thought of, deliver, O Lord, Thy servants, whose hope is in Thy goodness for ever.

26 Remember Thy compassions, O Lord, from of old, and sanctify Thy servants with Thy protection for ever.

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A Meditation.

GOD is near to uphold, but far off to understand.

2 The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom; He bringeth His seekers into light.

3 What shall we do to inherit life eternal? Let us search out God's holy will and law.

4 What shall we do when we are fallen from our better mind? Repent, and turn to Him who can renew in us a right spirit.

5 What must we do to be saved? Trust in Him who upholds our steps in life, and leads us day by day.

6 Trust in God is the beginning, and love is the perfecting of trust.

7 Exact no more than is appointed: hurt not him that hurteth you not.

8 In the fear and love of God our Father, let us do good unto all men.

9 Opening our mind's eyes to things unseen, let us carry through things temporal, thoughts eternal.

10 Let reverence lead us to humility and courtesy, prayer and patience, and let hope raise us to thankfulness, cheerfulness, and obedience.

11 Lord, of whose days there is no beginning, and

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of Thy majesty no end; while Thy greatness is unsearchable, and Thy love surrounds us;

12 Father of all men who by likeness of spirit are Thy children, let Thy truth on earth be established, as it is conceived in heaven.

13 Thou who hearest prayer, and forgivest sin, restore all those who call upon Thee in truth.

14 Give us tears and wholesome shame, and change of heart to-day, rather than the sentence of unredeemed worthlessness, and the inconsolable cry hereafter.

15 Let all cup of sorrow pass from us, let Thy will be done by us in bearing and forbearing.

16 Let our strength in soberness be strong for duty, and our weakness in humility suffice for patience.

17 Let our life be in Thy sight, when we stretch forth our hands unto Thee; and when out of the deep our soul crieth, hear us, O Lord.

18 Remember, O Lord, how short our time is: when the wind withers us as a flower, our place knows us no more.

19 We are travellers upon earth for a few days; we leave our houses to those who no more mention our name.

20 Lord, arise, and be moved by this our prayer, to work some good by us in our time.

21 By the multitude of Thy mercies, and Thy tender pity, and by all those who have longed for Thy salvation.

22 Defer not for Thy own sake to work righteousness; let Thy truth flourish in the earth.

23 For Thy Name's sake blot out our sins, and strengthen Thy servants for work, which shall abide before Thee.

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Before an Act of Full Communion.

LORD, before whom we are unworthy that Thou shouldest come under the roof of our souls,

2 Since Thy temple therein is ruined, neither is there fitting place left for Thee to lay Thy head;

3 Yet since Thy truth and Thy love have not disdained to be entertained by men of low estate;

4 Since Thy unbounded pity does not reject sinners, coming to Thee and touching Thee,

5 Neither dost Thou abhor the prayer of simple lips crying to Thee, nor of true penitents confessing;

6 So too even us, O Lord, with all the company of those whom Thou hast saved, receive Thou to the touch and fellowship of Thy life-giving Spirit.

7 Hearken, O Lord, out of eternity, and in the majesty of holiness sanctify us, and in the life of Thy love restore us.

8 Let not our minds be conformed to evil men and low things, nor the sentences of the malignant take hold of our lips.

9 Receive these Thy gifts which in offering we restore, and hallow our souls, that we may offer them worthily.

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10 Let no angry sound break the silence of our prayer, nor desire nor hatred stand in the shadow of Thy fear.

11 Whosoever has wronged us, we forgive, as Thou forgivest: if any hunger among us, we will feed him as Thou feedest us.

12 Whoso is naked or ignorant, let him come among us in Thy name; and as Thou lovest us, we will clothe and teach him in Thy love.

13 Clothe our souls altogether with the garment of pure white, with sincerity and reverence, the joy of faith, the zeal of repentance, the kindness of charity.

14 Grant us, O Lord, fellowship with Thee and Thy servants, in faith without shame, and love without pretence; in fulfilling Thy commandments soberly, and bearing every spiritual fruit.

15 Send us health, if it may be, of mind and body: with comfort and patience in every affliction.

16 Grant that with all Thy servants, who have been faithful to Thee everywhere from the beginning, we too may partake Thy everlasting peace.

17 O Thou, whose pity ever takes away the sin of the world, take away our sin, and be glorified in us.

18 Thou who hast prepared for them that love Thee things which it enters not into the heart of man to conceive, grant us in Thyself more than we can ask or think.

19 Grant us a share of Thy Spirit of holiness, and in remission of sins blot out every debt, and cleanse every stain.

20 Be to us a healer of all sickness and unsoundness, and in our spiritual life food, and in our conscience peace.

21 O Thou that alone makest all contradictions clear, in Thy light let us see light.

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22 Illuminate our minds with practice of humility, and confirm them with growth of faith.

23 Make us firm in endurance, with liveliness of thanksgiving, and confidence of prayer.

24 Let us grow up to fulness of wisdom in the bond of love,

25 Till we all come to mutual affection, and are perfect on earth, as our Father in heaven is perfect.

26 Here then, O Sovereign Lord, we remembering all Thy mercies and all our unworthiness, and desiring to be at one with Thee again, offer up ourselves to Thy holy service, and desire Thy blessed thought to be fulfilled in us.

27 We pray that not unworthily, but in good conscience, we may become a temple of the breath of Thy holiness.

28 Save us from all doing or suffering evil, from the sting of evil conscience and from every inordinate passion.

29 Make our thoughts the lively echoes of Thy commandments: and take our hearts for Thy kingdom.

30 It is finished and done; so far as in our power, we have given ourselves to God.

31 We will no more fear any death, but arise and walk in holiness of life.

32 The Lord God gives us our daily bread: hallowed be His name.

33 When His will is done in us, we enter into His kingdom.

34 Lord God, let Thy thought be fulfilled in mankind, and breathe on Thy children perpetual peace.

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An Act of Thanksgiving.

LET all Thy works praise Thee, O Lord, and Thy servants rejoice in thanking Thee.

2 It is a good thing to praise Thy kindness in the morning, and pleasant to remember Thy faithfulness in the night season.

3 True is Thy word, which counts us worthy of pity, and faithful Thy help for our heart's trust to rest upon.

4 Thou speakest forth the things that have not been, and at Thy word they begin to be.

5 Thou createst all things visible and invisible, and upholdest all by the word of Thy power.

6 In Thy thought beyond thought is conceived all, coming forth at Thy word: and in Thy life eternal we live and move continually.

7 Thou hast not left Thyself without witness to men, doing ever good, and bringing round the joyful circle of the seasons.

8 So all things continue according to Thy word; because, willing or unwilling, they obey Thy will.

9 Lord, with Thyself Thou takest counsel, and by Thy will and work Thou makest man Thy child.

10 That which was from of old in Thy mind

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eternal, comes to life in the fulness of wisdom working its end.

11 Thou breathest into man's bosom the breath of life, and hast made his thought precious in bearing Thy likeness.

12 O Thou that makest elements and mysteries preserve us, and callest us free-born children in the fair order around us,

13 Thou givest us pleasant places to walk in as princes, and settest before us fruits to gather, and dangers to avoid, with things for joy and watchfulness.

14 Even when man sins against Thy holy will, and falls short of Thy design,

15 Still in mercy, as in judgment, from of old Thou hast instructed our race, by that which may be known of God:

16 Also by things written in laws, and contrition spoken in sacrifices; by deep truths of prophets, and hearty outpouring of psalms;

17 By all the wisdom of ancient sayings, and experience of true histories; by the very dreams of poets, and fond imaginings of the people;

18 And Thou, when the fulness of time is come, even now, sendest forth Thy Truth, which is often born in great humility.

19 It becomes of no reputation, putting on the form of a servant, and being manifest in man, is subject to the laws of entangled life;

20 But by the oblation of some true soul it accomplishes obedience; by sacrifice even unto death it removes suffering:

21 So Truth redeems mankind by falling low, and quickens our race by rising again; leaving nothing undone to make us partake of the nature of God.

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22 God indeed is manifest in all place and time; but by knowledge we partake of Him through preaching of the truth.

23 So in turn we become witnesses to God, when we give signs of His wondrous indwelling: when His thought comes to pass in marvellous holiness, and His mighty power is shown in weakness.

24 Then the strange majesty of meekness triumphs when the hearts of gainsayers are unexpectedly turned with neither overbearing authority, nor mingling of impure motives.

25 O God, Thy strength is made perfect in those who have not cared for themselves, but sought the eternal; then Thou bringest forth truth to victory.

26 So Thou grantest to the general assembly and company of God-fearing men, to be a temple with many pillars of Thy life-giving truth.

27 So with full vision let us ever teach, in freedom and in peace; and let not violence or lawlessness prevail against us;

28 Make us mighty with weapons of persuasion, to pull down strongholds of ignorance and pride.

29 Lord, we pray Thee for the great cause of all free nations everywhere, that they may be blest with peace and order.

30 Raise up for men of many tongues preachers of one counsel according to Thine own heart, to feed us all with knowledge and understanding.

31 Turn more and more the sword into the ploughshare, the spear into the pruning-hook.

32 Let there be no decay of strength, or failure of race, and no mourning in our streets.

33 Lord, whom we thank for bringing us into life, grant us the better birth of the mind.

34 Make known to me Thy ways, O God, and let me walk in Thy truth.

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35 Shut not up my feet in the evil net of sin; but be at hand to show mercy upon me.

36 Thou hast not suffered my heart to be hardened, but hast given me compunction of soul, and remembrance of the end.

37 Go on, O God, victoriously, and open me the gate of hope, out of darkness into light.

38 Since Thou hast not taken me away in the midst of my days, but upholden my soul in life, suffer not my feet to slip.

39 Let not my life be a lie before Thee, nor Thy tenderness and faithfulness in vain.

40 Grant me a work of Thy love to do, and prosper it in my hands.

41 Let me not die until I have fulfilled Thy will; and let me enter with joy into rest.

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Paraphrase of an Old Prayer.

LET Thy name be ever holy in our lips and our hearts; our Father, and unseen Friend.

2 Whatever word or deed proceedeth from Thy will, let it not be in us to speak against it much or little.

3 Give us bread and raiment, and strength sufficient for our day, and let us not take over-much thought in our hearts, but trust to Thee our morrow.

4 Blot out, O Lord, all Thy servants' sin; let us neither be tempter or tempted: nor any evil take hold upon us.

5 Blessed be Thy name, O God of the spirits of all flesh, for evermore.

6 Give us not over for our sin, and for our people's sin, to sad chances or evil power.

7 Let the earth yield her increase of Thy bounty, and the world be governed in quietness by Thy law.

8 Six times Thou hast delivered us from straits, the seventh time and beyond, let not evil touch us.

9 If all the earth is holiness to the Eternal, let us be altogether in Thy sight as priests and kings.

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10 Let us go out and go in, according to Thy mouth, and make a covenant with our senses against evil.

11 Let us not live by bread alone, but by every word proceeding from Thy mouth.

12 Take away all our transgression and remembrance of sin; lead us not into trial or bitterness.

13 But from the destroying angel, and from every stroke of calamity, good Lord, deliver.

14 Blessed be the Spirit of all goodness and life, from sunrise to the sun's going down.

15 Be Thou our portion and hope in the land of the living, and let us do the thing that pleaseth Thee, our God.

16 As the eyes of all wait upon Thee for meat in due season, open Thy hand, and fill all things with plenteousness.

17 According to the abundance of Thy mercies, do away our offences, and let no sort of enemy prevail over us.

18 Lead us with Thy quiet hand in the paths of righteousness, and let no plague come nigh our dwelling.

19 Lord, let Thy truth and tenderness be our strong tower for ever.

20 Thou by whom kings reign and nations go free, break the tyrant's rod, and stay the fury of the oppressor.

21 Thou that turnest the hearts of nations as rivers of water, turn them, Lord, to good and peace. Hasten the time for all slaves to go free, and build up free nations with order.

22 Quicken with holiness the seeds of knowledge, and let the mouth of them that speak lies be stopped.

23 Two things, O Lord, I have asked of Thee

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before I die; give me what Thou seest fit, and fit me for what Thou givest.

24 In my work let there be refreshment to mankind, and let me be clean in Thy sight from sin.

25 Put away evil sounds from our ears, and take evil thoughts out of our minds.

26 Give us a portion with those on whom Thy shadow rests, and be Thou the healer and guardian of our souls.

27 Let no messenger of cruel tidings be on his way to us; keep Thou all evil far from our homes.

28 Lord, let not Thy name and cause be ill-bespoken, because of the shortcoming of Thy servants.

29 Let Thy counsel stand throughout Thy kingdom, and all that Thou hast fore-spoken come to pass.

30 Give seed to the sower, and increase to the sown, and let the world be crowned with Thy goodness.

31 Remember not for ever our sins, which have been as stumbling-blocks before Thee.

32 Let not Thy face be set against us for evil; but in darkness and light let Thy grace grow.

33 O Thou, from whom comes all holiness, had we not cause for all Thy light to hallow thy name?

34 Why then have we not done, nor attempted what lay in us, that Thy kingdom might come?

35 Lord, let Thy will come to pass in deed, as Thy wisdom has forecast in thought, and be fulfilled in body, as in spirit.

36 That we may dwell with Thee in peace, dwell with us in grace and power.

37 Though we are not worthy to be Thy servants, restore in us the spirit of children.

38 Give us what Thou seest fit, and fit us for what

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Thou givest, with health and peace in our houses, and the hope of life eternal.

39 Forgive us all our debts, and backslidings; every weak relapse, and daily wandering.

40 Though we be unworthy of Thy service, give Thou us the holy spirit of childhood.

41 Since with Thee is pity and redemption from sin, therefore in Thy presence we shall abide.

42 When deep calls to deep in our sorrow, Thou that art deeper than all depth of eternity, deliver us.

43 Thou with whom is the well of life, in Thy light let us see light.

44 Lead us not into trial beyond our might, with [out] the shadow of Thy presence over us.

45 From all perplexed circumstance and misplacement, and from all wayward perversity, deliver us, good Lord.

46 From sad accidents in life, and disablement of body or mind, and from confusion of thought, good Lord, deliver us.

47 Though it be least among the least, and last among the last, set us free among Thy children, good Lord.

48 Thou whose holy Child was called, the One that makes all men free, give us the freedom of truth and love.

49 On our Church and household, hearth and shrine, kindred and friends, all that have done us good, and all that are bound to us, show Thy goodness, O Lord.

50 Lord, satisfy us with Thy goodness, and that soon; fulfil our desires, as Thou seest best for us, with truth in freedom here, and hereafter life eternal.

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Before any Journey.

LORD, go before Thy servant this day, and let me not go forth, unless Thou go forth with me.

2 Thou who guidest pilgrims and emigrants, the God of wanderers and of strangers, who art both God near, and God afar.

3 Be with me, O Lord, and guide me, and dispose my way; bless me in all good ends, and keep me in innocence, and bring me back home in safety, with thanksgiving.

So be it, O Lord.

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A Morning Psalm.

O GOD, Thou art my God: early will I seek Thee: my soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh longeth for Thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

2 To see Thy power and Thy glory, so as I have seen Thee in the sanctuary.

3 Because Thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise Thee.

4 Thus will I bless Thee while I live; I will lift up my hands in Thy name.

5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips:

6 When I remember Thee upon my bed, and meditate on Thee in the night watches.

7 Because Thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice.

8 My soul followeth hard after Thee: Thy right hand upholdeth me.

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A Morning Hymn.

GLORY be to God on high, with peace on earth, good-will amongst men.

2 Early in the morning when we wake we will sing to Thee, for whom our soul thirsts, glorifying Thee.

3 To the King eternal and invisible, unborn and undying, the ever-living and very God, dwelling in light unapproachable,

4 We render praise and glory, worship and thanksgiving, the offering of our hearts, and consecration of our lives, through the spiritual and eternal Priest, the holy and peaceful Spirit, which dwells by faith in His children.

5 Glory to God the Father, from all the children of men, in the unity of the Divine breathing; as His holy truth is in heaven, so may He teach it upon earth, and establish it among men for ever.

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Morning Verses.

LORD, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

2 Every day will I praise Thee, and bless Thy name for ever.

3 Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin, as our soul hath trusted in Thee.

4 Thou, who art the refuge of our souls, teach us to do Thy will, O God.

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An Evening Hymn.

BRIGHT was the light of the eternal Father's glory, visible of old in His truly gifted Son.

2 Now that we see our earthly day fading, and receive in turn the gleam of lamp and fire,

3 Let praise be to the Father from His children, in the spirit of faith and truth.

4 Songs of praise become Thee at all times, Maker of darkness and of light.

5 Because Thou hast given life and light to our souls, in each change and chance we render glory and thanksgiving.

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An Ebening Psalm.

AS the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God.

2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember Thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.

7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of Thy water-spouts; all Thy waves and Thy billows are gone over me.

8 Yet the Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast Thou

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forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

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Te Deum Laudat Orbis.

WE praise Thee who art True, our God; we acknowledge the Holy One our Lord.

All the earth worshippeth Thee: Father, Upholder, sanctifier.

To Thee the bright powers of heaven continually cry,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of all ghostly lives.

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.

All the helpers of mankind are owned as Thy servants.

The workers of righteousness do Thy work, and the singers of sweet songs praise Thee.

In wise teachers is Thy wisdom; Thy word in the makers of law.

Who suffers for truth patiently, Thou holdest out to him an unfading crown.

Mankind in its generations, acknowledgeth Thee more and more,

The unsearchable majesty of the Eternal, revealing Himself our Father;

The undefiled Truth of God, enlightening the soul of His child,

And the love of God unspeakable, full of power to strengthen us.

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Thine is the worship of our souls, Thou unspotted Truth of the All-Holy.

Thou art often born anew our Saviour; the very offspring of the Eternal.

Thou art conceived in pure and virgin minds when the Breath of heaven comes upon them.

When Thou takest body amongst mankind, Thou dost not abhor the lowly dwelling.

Oh, how lovely art Thou, suffering patiently! How shameful the triumph of them that mock Thee!

When Thou passest through the sharpness of death, Thou takest away from the grave its victory.

Thou art exalted out of agony, till men own Thee offspring of the Eternal.

We believe that in Thy clear sight, our deeds and thoughts must be judged.

We pray Thee, therefore, choose us, and enter into our souls, who have chosen for our portion the truth.

We are not afraid to partake of Thy shame; for the abundance of peace which Thou givest.

Lord, show Thy truth unto Thy people, and let Thy love dwell among Thy heritage.

Let no terror come nigh them; shelter them from all evil for ever.

Day by day we magnify Thee, whose mercies are new every morning.

And we worship the true and living God; fashioning the world after His will.

Vouchsafe, O God our Saviour, to keep us this day without sin.

Father, have pity upon us: let Thy peace dwell with Thy children for ever.

We have trusted in Thy faithfulness, O Lord: let our souls never be confounded.

So be it, O Lord.

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A Morning Psalm.

LORD, at Thy word the light goes forth, and Thou turnest the shadow of night into morning.

2 Out of silence the mountains utter song to mountains, and the sunshine dances on the deep.

3 The voice of battle is not heard, and strife and curse are silent: but the heart goes up in the hour of prayer.

4 Lord, go Thou with the traveller on his way, and let Thy presence be a shield before the steps of the wanderer.

5 It is God who hides us from all things evil: He puts calmness into my mind, and gainsayers are ashamed.

6 Fear not when man is gathered to his fathers: but rejoice in Him who brings life out of death, and renews the earth with eternal morning.

7 Be not anxious in thy prayer: if it is good, God is able: if the Lord wills not, let it not be.

8 Lead me, O Saviour, all the day long: say, Well done, faithful, when Thou bringest me to Thy rest.

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Venit Aeternus.

A PSALM OF WINTER.

THE Lord God comes out of the hiding-place of the north: He rolls the thick snow-storm before Him.

2 At the breath of His mouth vast clouds are gathered: He utters command, and all the rivers are frozen.

3 He gives wings to the waters of the air, and sends flakes of snow without number.

4 They come all in order like an army, and float like the ripple of a tide: every one drops into the place prepared for it.

5 They lie deep on the mountain side, and between all the blades of grass in the valley; they cover the young corn in the furrow.

6 The bushes droop, and the fir trees shiver with their burthen: the strong oak groans, and the chestnut's pride is broken.

7 The sun looks forth upon a white wilderness, and in the deep tranquillity every sound is heard.

8 The voice of song has perished from the woodland: the wild bird seeks pity at the hand of man.

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9 Who will take the outcast to his home? who is he that lighteth fire on the hearth that is desolate?

10 Lord God of sunshine and of storm, be Thou our strength when Thou sendest winter.

11 Thou knowest all the paths on the mountains, and providest shelter in the deep places of the rocks; temper Thy rough wind to the young lamb.

12 Light is Thine, and darkness is Thine; the tempest makes a way for Thy counsel, and prayer goes up to Thee in stillness.

13 The year, as it rolls, is filled with Thy fulness; all its changes are shadows of Thy thought abiding continually.

14 Thou, O Lord, art near to sustain, but far off to understand.

15 Thou that movest through things temporal, lead us into the rest which is eternal.

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Non Aurum, Domine.

A PSALM OF WORSHIP.

LORD, I have not brought gold with the wealthy, neither offer I strength with the strong.

2 If Thou requirest wisdom, I am simple: if Thou biddest me know Thee, Lord, Thou art wonderful;

3 Higher than heaven's height, what can I know? deeper than hell's pit, how can I understand?

4 I will not utter fables in Thy name: I will not glorify Thee by calling good or evil beyond the truth.

5 Righteousness is Thy name, Thou eternal; and Thy worship truth, in word and deed.

6 Who is true but he that is clean of hands? Behold, I offer my heart; take it into Thy hands, and make it worthy of my Saviour.

7 When wilt Thou come unto me, O God? I will sweep Thy temple clean, that there be nothing to offend Thee.

8 To dwell in Thy presence is life, and in doing Thy will is peace; when Thou acceptest the incense of the heart, my tongue breaketh out for joy.

9 Blessed be Thou who hast compassion on them that seek Thee: Thou that fashionest man's lips to truth, art Eternal.

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Libera me in Justitia.

A PSALM OF GRIEVANCE.

DELIVER me in Thy righteousness, O God of my praise, when the mouth of the ungodly, and of the deceitful, is opened upon me;

2 When they speak against me with false tongues, and compass me with words of hatred, fighting against me without a cause:

3 When, though I loved them, they take a contrary part: against their reproaches, let me give myself to prayer.

4 Instead of their evil, let me do good; and against their hatred let me set good-will.

5 When they cry against me, "Set a cruel judge over him, and let a bitter enemy plead against him";

6 When they say, "Let his sentence be utter condemnation, and his plea of innocence a fresh crime";

7 When they break forth in fury, "Let his days be few, and let another take his office";

8 Let not mine enemies' malice prevail against my life; but the curse be turned against them that speak it.

9 Leave off from cursing, and it shall not happen

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unto thee: love blessing, and it shall draw nigh unto thee.

10 Deal Thou, O Lord God, with me, according to Thy kindness; establish unto me Thy faithfulness.

11 Deliver me in my time of helplessness: when my heart is wounded within me;

12 When I am driven with the wind, like a fleeing shadow; when I go hence, like the insect of an hour;

13 Let not the hatred of them that hate Thee crush me: nor reproach because of Thy cause overwhelm me:

14 But stand Thou, O God, instead of an enemy at the right hand of the helpless; plead Thou his cause, and deliver him from wrong.

15 Break the rod of those that rule by unrighteousness; let not ignorance close the lip of truth for ever.

16 So with all my heart will I render thanks to the Lord; I will serve the God of truth, as long as I have any being.

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Non Nobis, Domine.

A PSALM OF AFFIANCE.

NOT unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy name give the praise: for Thy tenderness and Thy truth's sake.

2 Wherefore shall the scoffers say, Where is now their hope eternal?

3 As for our God, His glory fills all the worlds of heaven; His blessing is on them that seek Him for ever.

4 Their idols are silver and gold; their doctrines the dreams of fable.

5 They lay on men burthens to believe; but they touch them not with their [soul's] lightest finger.

6 They have prayers, and pray not; books have they, and forbid to understand.

7 God has faded from their souls; they think His throne has need for them to uphold.

8 O ye fools, where is the image of the Father, save the lively mind of His child?

9 But thou, household of truth, put your trust in the Lord; let the living God be your defender.

10 Praise Him, all teachers of truth; trust in Him, all holy and humble men of heart.

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11 God, who has been mindful of us from of old, He blesses the faithful priest, and saves the godly congregation.

12 He shall increase you more and more, both you and your children.

13 All the whole heavens are the Lord's; yet He leadeth in His paths them that are humble on earth.

14 The dead return into Thy hands, O Lord; Thou knowest the secrets of eternity.

15 Behold, we render our darling into Thy hands; comfort us according to Thy love, and render good unto Thy children.

16 When our health faileth us, O Lord, give us not over to the unmerciful, but let us fall into Thy hands.

17 While we live, let us work Thy will: when we die, we render ourselves to Thy glory for ever.

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A Symbol or Summary of Faith,

WHICH MAY BE USED WHEN THOUGHT GOOD.

I BELIEVE in one God, Almighty and Infinite Father and Judge of all men, upholder of all things, seen and unseen;

And in one Lord, the spiritual Word, offspring of the Father from everlasting, as Light from light, very God from very God; not made, but born; not created, but eternally generated; the very image of the Father; by which all things are fashioned and made; who for lost men, and for their salvation, was manifested as man in Jesus our Lord; born of God by the Spirit, not a servant, but a child; doing good, and suffering in the flesh; crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, the Just for the unjust, and was put to death in the flesh, but quickened in the spirit, whereby re-arising He ascended to the Father, and shall judge with glory both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom is one with the Father's.

And I believe in the Spirit, which is holy, supreme, and life-giving; which joins together the Father and the Son; and with the Father and the Son is worshipped eternally; which speaks by all holy men, and in all true Sacraments is pledged; by whose peaceful

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might the whole congregation is bound, and which breathes in us the hope of the life everlasting.

So be it, O Lord.

I believe in the Eternal Spirit, mysterious, eloquent, life-giving; whose scripture is the World, and whose son is Mankind.

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Symbolum Latinum.

A MEMORIAL CREED.

CREDO in unum Deum, immensum atque omnipotentem; rerum omnium conditorem, hominum ut Patrem, ita Judicem;

Et in unigenitum Dei Sermonem, Fatum ab æterno juridicum, Lumen ex lumine, Verum ex veritate prosilientem: Genitum, non factum: connaturalem Deo, non conditum; Veram Patris effigiem, ad cujus normam excogitat orbem atque ordinat; Qui ut homines salvos redderet, homo factus est, Jesus Dominus noster; non carne, sed spiritu, progenitus ex Deo, filium non servum, se præstitit; beneficiendo hominibus mortem passus est, crucifixus sub Pilato; Justus pro injustis pœnas dedit, carne mortuus, spiritu ad vitam renatus; ita resuscitatus ad Patrem ascendit; et in gloriâ vivos et mortuos judicabit; unâ cum Patre in æternum regnaturus:

Credo et in Spiritum, sanctum, dominum, vivificum: Quod Patrem cum Filio, et Filium cum Patre conjungit, et cum Patre et Sermone adoratur in æternum; Quod in sanctis loquitur, in fidis operatur, in sacramentis consignatur; cujus vitâ viget ecclesia, pax infunditur, peccata remittuntur; cujus munere fruentes vitam speramus æternam. AMEN.

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An Early Form of the Lord's Prayer.

FATHER, Thy holy breathing come upon us;
Thy will be done;
Give us to-day bread enough;
Forgive us our sins;
And lead us not into temptation.

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A Form of Litany.

O GOD, the Father of heaven:
Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.
O LORD, Redeemer of the world:
Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.
O COMFORTER of all men, giving life from the Father:
Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.
O unsearchable, glorious, and life-giving God:
Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor continue the offences of our forefathers: spare, good Lord, Thy people, whom Thou redeemest by Thy everlasting compassion, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin, and from thoughts of sin; from perplexity and temptation; from Thy wrath, and from everlasting judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all impurity of thought and deed; from excess in pleasure, and in love of gain; and from following a multitude to do evil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

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From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, or untimely and unprovided death,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all sedition, conspiracy, and unholy strife; from false doctrine, and carelessness, or a divided faith; from hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Divine judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the dwelling of Thy truth in man; by the abounding of Thy love in men of low estate, suffering sorrow and trial,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the agony of them that mourn; by our mother's prayers and pains; by our sorrow at the grave; and by our trust in God, the everlasting Saviour,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the good confession of Thy Son in Pilate's hall; by His agony and bloody sweat, by His death of shame, and rejection of men, but acceptance of God His Father,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In our trial and our sorrow; in our health and well-being; in all life's changes and chances; in the hour of death, and in the day of doom,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy true people everywhere in the right way;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless all righteous governors, that they may rule over free nations in true piety and order;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to illuminate all teachers

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and shepherds of men's souls, with right knowledge, and understanding of Thy truth; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to guide all magistrates and judges; that they may do wrong to no man; but follow justice, equity, and right;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless all quiet and simple people, and to bind all nations in unity, peace, and concord;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us hearts to love and dread Thee, and to frame our lives according to Thy will and commandment;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to increase and multiply upon Thy people grace to hear meekly Thy Word spoken, and to receive it with pure feeling, and bring forth largely fruits of righteousness;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and to make the light of faith shine upon those that sit in darkness;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to strengthen them that stand; to comfort the weak-hearted, raise up the fallen, bring back the wandering, and make our paths free from all perplexity;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and anguish of body or mind;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

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That it may please Thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water, all women labouring of child, all sick persons, and young children, and to show Thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to defend and provide for the aged, fatherless, and widowed, and all that are desolate and oppressed;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to have mercy upon all men;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to forgive our enemies, evil-doers, and evil-speakers; to deliver us from all their snares, and in Thy good time turn their hearts;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give largely Thy gifts of the seasons; and preserve for us herb, fruit, and harvest, that with thankfulness we may enjoy them;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us true and right hearts before Thee; to pardon all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endow us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to Thy Holy Word;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Father of our spirits, and Shepherd of our souls,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

Love of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us Thy peace.

Love of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Dwell in us for ever.

O Thou that dwellest in eternity,

Hear us from Thy holy place.

Father—*be bountiful to us.*

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Saviour—*be present with us.*
Judge Eternal—*have mercy upon us.*
Lord, deal not with us after our misdoings.
Nor reward us after our broken vows.

Let us pray.

O GOD, that despisest not the sighing of a broken heart, nor the desire of the sorrowful; Mercifully assist our prayers that we make before Thee in all our trouble, trial, and sorrow, whensoever they come upon us, and for the glory of Thy name turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all anxiety, sickness, or weakness, we may put our whole trust in Thy kindness and faithfulness, and ever serve Thee in holiness, patience, and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory, through Thy grace quickening and Thy truth upholding us for ever.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

O GOD, our fathers have declared unto us Thy works of power and goodness in their days, and in the old time before them.

Lord, help us, and watch over us in Thy faithfulness for ever.

From all enemies defend us, good Lord.
Graciously look upon our afflictions.
Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.
Mercifully forgive the sins of Thy people.
Favourably with mercy hear our prayers.
Thou that knowest man's heart, have pity upon us.
Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, Eternal Lord.
Even as Thy Son Jesus prayed, so we pray unto Thee.
Let Thy mercy dwell with us continually,
As we ever put our trust in Thee.

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[*Here may follow any prayers or petitions on extraordinary occasions.*]

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given us grace at this time to make our common supplications unto Thee; and whose nature and wont is, when two or three are gathered together in Thy name, to grant their requests; Fulfil now the desires and petitions of these Thy servants, as Thou seest most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy most holy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

So be it, O Lord.

UNTO God's gracious protection we commit ourselves. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and grant us peace now and for ever.

So be it, O Lord.

OR

THE grace and truth that came by the Son of God, and the love of the Father, and the fellowship of the Spirit of truth and peace, be with us for ever.

So be it, O Lord.

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A Litany of Thanksgiving.

O GOD, the giver of good, we thank Thee in health and joy, our Maker, and our heavenly Father.

We thank Thee, heavenly Father.

For all the glory of the heavens, and the beauty of sea and land; for the light of day, and for eyesight to behold it,

We thank Thee, heavenly Father.

For the blessed hour of silence, and night following day; for the sleep of weary eyes, and Thy providence around us,

We thank Thee, heavenly Father.

For our neighbours, kindred, and friends; for all the good they have done us, and for a tenfold blessing upon them,

We thank and pray Thee, heavenly Father.

For living in a free land, and under righteous government; for just laws and open churches, for books of good counsel, and for knowledge to read them,

We thank Thee, heavenly Father.

O God, we thank Thee for all the gifts we have reckoned and for all we have forgotten; and if for our unworthiness Thou take any of them away,

Give us patience, heavenly Father.

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When Thou breakest the staff which upheld us, and Thy wisdom takes away what thy goodness gave; when Thou makest the wife a widow, and the child fatherless,

Thy will be done, heavenly Father.

When Thou showest man the evil of his ways, and bringest sorrow upon his soul for sin, though the wrong word is not unspoken, nor the deed of guilt undone,

Have mercy on us, heavenly Father.

In all time of sorrow, and in the hour of remorse; when we learn the truths which we believed not, and when our wickedness finds us out,

Be merciful to us, most merciful Father.

By Thy knowledge of our weakness, and by Thy love to man, make our repentance healthful, and our shame wholesome, and bring us back to Thy holy will;

Bring us back, we pray Thee, heavenly Father.

When we turn from evil, and do good; when we forgive those who have wronged us, as we ask Thy forgiveness; when we offer ourselves before Thee as guilty, but pray to be made fit for Thy service,

Take us again for Thy children, heavenly Father.

Lead us from our youth upward, and order all our lives; when we are of full age, guide, and in the time of drooping, sustain us;

These things we ask, heavenly Father.

Thou that knowest whence we came, we trust to Thee whither we shall go; teach us only Thy will on earth, and Thy will be done with us hereafter.

In thy hands we leave ourselves, heavenly Father. Thy will be done for ever, merciful Father.

Like as a father pitieth his own children,
So is the mercy of God over them that fear Him.

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Occasional Prayers.

IN TIME OF PLAGUE OR GENERAL SICKNESS.

O GOD, the giver of life and health, who canst say to sickness, Come, and it cometh; and who again biddest affliction depart, and it vanisheth away; have pity upon Thy people, who are now visited with sickness and great mortality, that our prayers from true hearts may make atonement before Thee, and Thou mayest command the destroying angel to stay his hand, and restore the voice of joy and health in our homes. This prayer we ask, if it be Thy will, O Lord.

Thy will be done, O Lord.

AT THE FOUR SEASONS, OR WHEN MEN ARE ADMITTED INTO HOLY ORDERS.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast both established teachers, priests, and pastors, amongst men, and hast taught them by Thy Son, the Lord Jesus, of what spirit and manner should be their life and doctrine; we beseech Thee so to govern the minds of them that rule, that they may lay hands

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suddenly on no man, but wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the sacred ministry of Thy congregation. And to all those ordained to any holy function give Thy grace and heavenly blessing, that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth Thy glory, and help forward the salvation of all men, being servants for the Lord's sake.

Bless all Thy servants, O Lord.

OR THIS.

O GOD, the Father of lights, and Giver of all good gifts, of whose providence have come diverse orders amongst Thy people, and who turnest not away Thy face from whosoever seeks Thee in lively sacrament: pour out the abundance of Thy grace upon all who stand ministering before Thee in Thy sanctuary; and so replenish them with the truth of Thy teaching, and the meekness of Thy wisdom, and so preserve them ever in all innocence of life, that they may faithfully serve before Thee, with acceptable and peaceful sacrifices, doing good to men, and glorifying Thy holy name.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

A PRAYER FOR ABSOLUTION.

O GOD, of whose very nature comes the great mystery that Thy name is Holy and Jealous, and yet Thou forgivest sins; receive our humble petitions: and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy Divine goodness loose us, through Thy grace quickening, and Thy truth upholding us for ever.

Loosen our bonds, O Lord.

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FOR PARLIAMENT.

GRACIOUS God, we pray Thee, as for free nations in general, so for our own people, and for our Parliament now assembled; that Thou wouldest inspire all counsellors and legislators with the spirit of right, justice, and truth, and with Thy most holy fear; and that Thou wouldest prosper their counsels to the advancement of true religion, and the welfare and honour of our government and dominions; that things may be settled upon sure foundations, and that peace and happiness, fairness and right, with Thy holy faith and fear, may continue among us for all generations. All which we pray for Thy tenderness' and faithfulness' sake.

Thou art our faithful Creator, O Lord.

FOR ALL SORTS OF MEN.

In the place of fuller Litanies.

GOD, the Saviour of mankind, we pray Thee for all sorts of men, that Thy glory go forth as the light, and Thy salvation visit all nations. Specially we pray for our countrymen, neighbours, benefactors, friends, for all true worshippers, and partakers of the fellowship of spirit and of truth, that whoever calls upon Thy name in prayer, particularly those nearly joined to us, may be daily set forward in the way of truth, and add to faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge a holy and a happy life, with the increase of hope and charity.

We also commend to Thy fatherly goodness all who are any way afflicted in mind, body, or estate [especially those for whom our prayers are desired]; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve each

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according to their need, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions; and this we beg for Thy tender mercy's sake.

Be merciful to us, O Lord.

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A General Thanksgiving.

O FATHER of compassion, and Fountain of all goodness, we heartily thank Thee for all Thy bountiful gifts to us and to all men [particularly to any who have cause now to offer up *special* thanksgiving for Thy late mercy to them]: we thank Thee for our life, and all its blessings of health, strength, or wealth; but more for all its charities and affections, and all its means of doing good in our home, or to our friends, or persons who trust us or depend upon us: above all, for whatever measure Thou hast taught us of Thy grace and truth, and for our hopes of things eternal. Increase, O Lord, this knowledge, and multiply Thy grace upon us, that no ignorance or sin may turn Thy blessings into curses; but give us such a sense of Thy goodness, that we may ever devote ourselves to Thy service in word and deed; and praising Thee both with our lips and lives, go on through Thy mercy to the joy of everlasting life.

Life and joy are Thine, O Lord.

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Collects of Preparation;

OR,

PRAYERS OF THE SEASONS.

A PRAYER OF THE EARLY YEAR.

O GOD, the Creator of both summer and winter, who causest light to shine out of the thick gloom, and bringest good out of evil: give us grace so to flee what Thou forbiddest, that we may cast aside the works of darkness, and so to choose what Thou commandest, that we may be children of light; but, since darkness and light obey Thee, give all the messengers of Thy providence charge over us, that, serving Thee in peace and thankfulness, we may be brought through humility to serve Thee in glory.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

Here may be read as *Counsel* Rom. xiii. 8.

OWE no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying,

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namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Here may be read as *Story* that of Zoroaster.

LONG before Moses lived Zoroaster in Bactria. As Moses was learned in the wisdom of the Egyptians, so was Zoroaster in the wisdom of India. He taught that God is light, and that in Him dwelleth no darkness at all. But the darkness, he said, warreth against light, and evil against good. But God bringeth light out of darkness, and giveth to good the victory over evil. The sun is the messenger of the invisible God, and carrieth light which the only Wise deviseth for the children of men. Storm and earthquake, pestilence and darkness, make war on the realms of light, and men dread the prince of the power of the air. The wicked are always fearful, and the sin of earth sees anger in heaven. But the goodness of God abounds more and more, until all evil is put under His feet. He maketh the storm His angel, and the earthquake serve Him. Out of Pestilence He bringeth health, and giveth the darkness a rest for labour. To do His will in goodness is to enter His Kingdom, and His soldiers against the power of darkness win a perpetual crown. Before His throne are seven angels, and from His mouth goeth forth the living word. In three worlds He abides, ever living, and thinking, and life-giving; and by three things He shows Himself to man—in goodness, and in truth, and in loveliness. His

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word goeth through all nations, and by His brightness the stars shine, and the worlds stand fast by His will. So Zoroaster suffered not men to worship the host of heaven; but even as Moses forbade the idols of Egypt, so Zoroaster forbade those of India. For the true thought of the spiritual God had grown faint in India and Egypt. Therefore the Spirit of the Eternal raised up Abraham the friend of God, and Moses the giver of laws to the Jews: and Zoroaster by the same Eternal Spirit spake the living word to the middle of Asia. He taught the nation of the Medes, and established by his [lore] the realm of Persia.

Two thousand two hundred and twenty-one years before Christ, the Medes worshipped God in Babylon as Zoroaster taught them. But the bloody children of Shem brought in again the worship of the stars and the host of heaven, and every unclean thing. Therefore the eternal God rooted out the new Babylonians, and gave the unclean city to be a desolation, as He spake by the prophets of Israel. But for the followers of the living word of Zoroaster the eternal Lord prepared a succession of kingdoms. He raised up Cyrus to be their restorer, and Darius, who ruled in their faith. So Persia triumphed over Babylon, and then Greece, which is the fourth kingdom of iron, over Persia. Yet again, when the kingdom of Alexander was broken, and the Romans governed the West, God raised up the younger Artaxerxes, who tamed the Parthians, and lighted the fire of the living word again in Persia. In the time of [*Alexander Severus*] Artaxerxes reigned prosperously. Four hundred years his kingdom endured, and the fire was kept alive. But when the strength decayed, and men worshipped the fire more than God who made it, He raised up another conqueror, and gave them over into the hand of Mahomet the Arab. So in the name of the one God the Prophet Mahomet slew the Persians with the sword; and God took away their kingdom. Only the remnant of the Persians fled into India, where their children dwell in peace. Their name is worshippers of fire; but the first faith was in the invisible God, the Lord of light and glory, the Giver

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of all goodness. So Zoroaster taught them the living word. But light and darkness both obey one God, and the earth is full of His goodness. Sorrow passeth away, but the peace of God endureth.

A PRAYER OF THE SACRED BOOKS.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all true records and holy songs to be written for our learning; we thank Thee for signs of Thy providence and inspiration [among Hebrews and Gentiles] in many lands; and we desire of Thee the gifts of patience, soberness, and wisdom, as to read the letter of things written in old time, that Thy Holy Spirit of truth may ever live in us; and that we may so remember the story of things temporal, as ever to worship the unseen God, who is eternal.

Blessed be Thou, living Lord.

The Counsel, Rom. xv. 4.

WHATSOEVER things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of good books might have hope. Now the God of patience and comfort grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: that ye may with one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: and that the Gentiles might glorify God for *His* mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to Thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto Thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with His people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud Him, all ye people. And again, Esaias saith, There shall

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be a root of Jesse, and He that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in Him shall the Gentiles trust. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

While the Jews were under the bondage of the letter, they knew not the power of the Spirit; and because they thought their God a God of the Jews only, they knew not Him who is God of the nations also. But Jesus, knowing the mind of things written, went into the innermost temple not made with hands. And not by the law of the letter, but by the love of God which passeth knowledge, and by faith answering to love, He ministered life to men. Because He knew the mind of God, He called the nations to the everlasting arms. Even of old time the witness of the stars shone bright to the ends of the earth. Neither is there any isle of ocean in which God accepteth not them that fear Him. Even in a little time, as in three days, He lifted up the Spiritual Temple of men's minds, which was fallen. We, then, reading the letter, know the power of the Spirit.

A PRAYER OF PRIESTS.

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, who not only in Egypt and Judæa, but in many ancient lands, hast shown the might of priesthoods in rearing temples, and writing scriptures, and fashioning nations to law; but again hast poured forth Thy wrath and man's hatred upon them, when they turned the truth of God into greediness. Grant us the grace of humility to cherish wisdom and to obey righteousness, making a difference between the holy and the unhallowed; but let not true prophets be wanting among us to teach that all souls are precious in Thy sight, and that prayer is holier than incense, and obedience better than oblation. Even so dwell among us, Lord, by

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Thy lively Spirit, that the congregation may be holy in Thy sight, and that we may be Thy people, and Thou our God for ever.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

A PRAYER FOR NATIONS.

O ETERNAL God, who gavest to the Greek a lyre, and to the Romans a sword, suffering the wise of Hellas to behold beauty, and the strong men of Rome to govern the world; yet Thou, when both had fallen from Thee by evil lusts and selfishness, didst cast off both alike, and give them over to delusion and slavery: Grant us grace in Thy holy fear to learn, that by the Spirit of our God is understanding; and whereas through our own perverseness we are entangled and hindered in running the race of all virtue which is set before us, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us, that being delivered from an evil mind, and enlightened by Thy Holy Spirit, we may both know our duty, and perform the same to Thy honour, who art our living Strength, and our Lord.

So be it, O Lord.

THE DECEMBER HOLY DAY.

Being the old festival of seed-time, but now set apart for the remembrance of the birth of our Lord Jesus, and so commonly called Christmas.

O GOD, who yearly makest us glad with friends and joy in our homes, and hast also brought to our remembrance the birth of Thy Holy Child Jesus,

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who living and dying in the weakness of the flesh, was owned Thy Son by the power of the Spirit: we bless Thee for His great humility, and pray to become partakers of His glorious life, holding fast the freedom which he wrought for men from all defilement of sin, and from all bondage of the soul; and we beseech Thee so to consecrate us to Thy service, that through Thy gift we may be Thy children, and be one with Christ in mind, as He is one with Thee our Father for ever.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

The Counsel.

GOD, who in sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past by priests and lawgivers, as by mediators; now in the fulness of time speaks unto us as a father to his children. The slaying of beasts of old was only a sign of the offering of ourselves; and the office of the priest showed that whoever draws nigh to God should keep himself holy. Every teacher is a priest, and every priest should teach by persuasion. In leading of the heart is the true priest's power, and the consent of conscience is his authority. Nor is the law so holy by compulsion, as by righteousness; but the might of the legislator is the right of the people. But when lawyers wrest justice, and priests forget holiness, the salt loses its savour. When teachers exalt themselves in pride, and care not if the learners learn rightly, the end of learning is lost. But all things are for man, and man is for God. Humanity was before any nation, and man's heart will survive when its idols are broken. But when Jesus saw the Sabbath become a yoke, He said, The Sabbath was made for man. . . .

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ON A DAY OF BAPTISM OR SACRAMENT.

O GOD, who to those whom Thy grace has chosen, showest Thyself the Father of our spirits, not fashioned in stone, nor bound by temples made with hands, but dwelling in man's heart, and yet filling the heavens with Thy majesty: yet Thou teachest Thy children, who behold Thee with the eyes of understanding, to be baptised with water, and obedient to the forms of man: Grant us the grace of meekness in humility to fulfil all righteousness; but so bathe us, O Lord, in the bath of Thy Holy Spirit, and so enable us to offer our lives in the sacrament of charity that we may praise Thee in heart, and worship Thee with understanding; while Thou givest us in godliness the blessing of the truth which is now, and of that which shall be eternal.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

The Counsel, Rom. iv. 6–13.

DAVID also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, *saying*, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. *Cometh* this blessedness then upon the circumcision *only*, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which *he had, yet* being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: and the

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father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which *he had* being *yet* uncircumcised. For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

The Story, Acts x. 25–46.

AS Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped *him*. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man. And as he talked with him he went in, and found many that were come together. And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. Therefore came I *unto you* without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask, therefore, for what intent ye have sent for me? And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, and said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee. Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him. The word which *God* sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (He is Lord of all:) that word, I say, ye know,

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which was published throughout all Judæa, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all things which He did, both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the third day, and showed Him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with Him after He rose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is He which was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead. To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins.

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.

A COLLECT OF GOD'S REVELATION AMONGST THE NATIONS.

O GOD, who, by many leadings of conscience and forbodings of Thy most holy fear, hast manifested Thy truth in diverse manners amongst the nations, mercifully grant that we, who by faith know Thee now in part, may after this life have the enjoyment of Thy glorious Godhead; and by love know Thee, even as now we are known, according to the grace and truth which dwelt in Christ Jesus, Thy Son.

So be it, O Lord.

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The Counsel, Ephesians ii. 18—iii. 7.

THROUGH Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner *stone;* in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, if ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: how that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ by the gospel: whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power.

The Story, Acts xvii. 22–31.

THEN Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, *Ye* men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, seeing He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood all

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nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us: For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art or man's device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent; because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom He hath ordained; *whereof* He hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that He hath raised Him from the dead.

A PRAYER FOR ABSTINENCE AND FORBEARANCE.

O GOD, whose blessed Son became obedient to the law for man, and underwent hunger and thirst in doing Thy will, and fulfilling all righteousness, give us grace in all patience and temperance so to bear and forbear, that our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey Thy holy guidance and control, in all righteousness, purity, and soberness, who art our Father and our King, world without end.

So be it, O Lord.

The Counsel, Rom. xiv. 1–18.

HIM that is weak in the faith receive ye, *but* not to doubtful disputations. For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs.

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Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand. One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day *alike*. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth *it* unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard *it*. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks. For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living. But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment-seat of Christ. For it is written, *As* I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling-block or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way. I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that *there* is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth anything to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean. But if thy brother be grieved with *thy* meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. Let not then your good be evil spoken of: for the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ, *is* acceptable to God, and approved of men.

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The Story, That of Sakya practising asceticism, and outgrowing it.*

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A COLLECT FOR TRINITY AND UNITY SUNDAY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast taught men admitted into the fellowship of Thy truth, with a faith acknowledging the glory of the eternal Father, Word, and Spirit, still to worship in the power of the Divine Majesty, one God; we beseech Thee to preserve us ever in Thy faith, fear, and love, and defend us from all sorrow and perplexity, who art our Father for ever.

So be it, O Lord.

* [For an account of Sakya's practising asceticism, and relinquishing it because he found it weakened his mental powers, and did not assist him to attain Buddhaship, see Spence Hardy's *Manual of Buddhism*, p. 164: London, 1860; or Clodd's *Childhood of Religions*, pp. 171–4: London, 1875.—ED.]

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Prayers on Body and Spirit.

O ETERNAL Spirit, who hast made the nearness of God to man the beginning of all religion, grant us in all love and obedience to be reckoned Thy children, through that holy breathing of God, whereby the whole family of mankind is joined into one, and sanctified.

So be it, O Lord.

LORD, we beseech Thee, pour on Thy servants the increase of faith, hope, and charity, that as they glory in knowing Thee as Lord, they may by Thy governance not feel the sorrows of this world; but both faithfully serve Thee in time, and enjoy Thee in eternity.

So be it, O Lord.

O God, who canst save by obedience of the spirit, men lost by weakness of the flesh: Grant us so to have our inward sight quickened, and our better mind strengthened, that we may avoid what destroys us, and lay hold on what works perpetual peace.

So be it, O Lord.

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GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that for the lively reception of the truth of Thy Spirit dwelling in man, the minds of the faithful may be prepared, and the hearts of the proud subdued.

So be it, O Lord.

GRANT, O Heavenly Father, that a new birth of heart into the family of Thy children may set free those whom sin would detain as slaves in the old bondage.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

GRANT, O Almighty God, that as we are saved from all evil by partaking of Thy thought, and becoming obedient to Thy will, so we may ever be preserved by Thy power, and enjoy the peace of Thy kingdom.

So be it, O Lord.

BE present, O Lord, with the prayers of Thy servants, we beseech Thee; and let Thy people, created by Thy power, and renewed by Thy life, be ever saved by Thy continual help.

So be it, O Lord.

O GOD, who yearly makest us glad with the meeting of friends, and the preaching of good-will; grant that as we joyfully receive the glad message of Thee as our Father, so we may in all fearlessness behold Thee as our Judge; having our conscience clean in Thy sight.

So be it, O Lord.

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GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that as we are bathed in the new light of Thy everlasting truth, so our clear sight of Thee in heart and mind may become sincere obedience to Thee in word and deed.

So be it, O Lord.

ETERNAL God, who by thy holy breath of power makest us a new creation for Thyself, we beseech Thee to preserve what Thou hast created, and consecrate what Thou hast cleansed; that by Thy grace we may be found in that form, the thought of which ever dwells with Thee, and which Thou willest fulfilled in man.

So be it, O Lord.

LORD of all power and might, confirm in Thy servants, we beseech Thee, an inviolable steadfastness of faith; that as they confess Thy all-holy will to be the rightful Governor of both their souls and bodies, so by Thy ever gracious providence they may be preserved throughout the things seen, which are temporal, till they come to the joys unseen, which are eternal.

So be it, O Lord.

MERCIFUL God, who in lifting up the lowly descendest even to the great depth, grant that Thy people may so cling to Thee, that they may both behold Thee in heart, and bear Thy likeness in deed, fulfilling Thy holy will.

So be it, O Lord.

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O GOD, whose breath is the life of men bearing the substance of flesh, grant that by ever growing after Thy likeness we may obtain an inward renewal.

So be it, O Lord.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, who hast often manifested Thy word and truth embodied in men of low estate, grant that Thy righteousness may ever shine in our hearts, and our treasure consist in the indwelling of Thy grace and truth.

So be it, O Lord.

O GOD, the Enlightener of all nations, pour into our hearts that light which scatters all perplexity of sin, and grant Thy people to enjoy perpetual peace.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

O GOD, whose mercy is over all Thy works, and whose truth is light to them that mourn, and a deliverance to captives, and sight to the blind; grant to us all a free remission of our sins, and a portion among those who serve Thee by faith, that they may behold Thee in glory.

So be it, O Lord.

O GOD, in whose sight to sin is to die, but in whose knowledge is life, and Thy service perfect freedom, grant that as by necessity of nature we have borne the likeness of things earthly, so by inward transformation of Thy Spirit we may attain to things heavenly, and dwell in Thy likeness for ever.

So be it, O Lord.

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GRANT, Almighty God, that we, who amidst so many perplexities have fainted through our own infirmity, may be relieved by Thy pity, and strengthened by Thy life-giving grace.

So be it, O Lord.

O THOU Wisdom of God, the living Word and everlasting Power of the Father, who camest forth out of the goodness of the Eternal Will, and showest the unspeakable depth of the Divine Majesty; without Thee is nothing, but by Thee are all things, and in Thee alone all things stand fast; Thou art God coming forth from God, for of Thy creative will we are what we are: Grant that Thy love may prevail over our unworthiness, and Thy promise be stronger than our faithlessness; so let Thy providence be our deliverance, and Thy grace our life, and Thy truth our healing, that our weakness being filled with Thy strength, we may by Thy gift be lifted up to the Father, with whom Thou livest and art one for ever.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

O GOD, our Saviour, break for us all the snares of sin, that those who have been born into the power of a heavenly life, may not fall back under the dominion of earthly stain.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

O GOD, the only Life-giver, let Thy life be in us, and draw us to Thyself, delivering us from evil, that we who desire to serve Thee may not fall under the power of any enemy. But let Thy salvation be

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ever present with us, and as Thou art our rightful Lord, reign over us for ever.

So be it, O Lord.

O UNSEARCHABLE and marvellous God, who often sufferest Thy holy truth to be trampled down, and yet wonderfully liftest it up again, grant to all Thy people grace by the renewal of the spirit to rise from all death of the soul.

So be it, O Lord.

LORD, preserve with Thy tender pity those whom Thou hast redeemed, that those who suffer for Thy truth, or mourn over it, may rejoice in its rising again.

So be it, O Lord.

BLOT out, O Lord, the handwriting of the law of sin, and more and more grant unto us that, using rightly things earthly, we may hold fast things heavenly.

So be it, O Lord.

O GOD, whose promises are the comfort, and Thy graces the support, of Thy people; grant that what is now their hope in time, may hereafter be their joy throughout eternity.

So be it, O Lord.

O GOD, who hast made the fervent prayer of faith availing for man's need, hear graciously the supplications which we offer for one another in this

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twilight of the flesh, that we may be ever guarded by Thy providence, and meet with joy in Thy glory.

So be it, O Lord.

O GOD, the Author of all freedom and salvation, hear the voices of Thy people, and grant that those whom Thou deliverest from evil may both live by Thee, and in Thee enjoy perpetual peace.

So be it, O Lord.

O GOD, who even through the suffering of holy teachers and witnesses of the truth hast wrought deliverances for the world, let Thy grace prevent and follow us, that we may both walk in perfect freedom, and attain to everlasting life.

So be it, O Lord.

O GOD, who liftest up the fallen, and makest the innocence of Thy servants clear as the noonday; grant that as the souls we have loved, and the spirits made perfect, depart into Thy hands, so our thoughts may rise into that world where with Thee they dwell; and may we so walk in this life on earth, as having hope of Thy light everlasting.

So be it, O Lord.

GRANT, O Lord, that as we have been made the children of Thy Holy Spirit, so we may ever know Thee as our spiritual Father, and worship Thee in spirit and in truth.

So be it, O Lord.

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MAY the Spirit of holiness, O Lord, which proceeds from Thee, enlighten our minds, and for ever lead us into all Thy truth.

So be it, O Lord.

O GOD, the Saviour and protector of all them that trust in Thee, turn away from us the false gleams of selfish and worldly wisdom; that under the teaching of Thy Spirit we may find pleasure in the simplicity of Thy truth, and have the wisdom which comes of Thy holy fear. So in guilelessness let us be children, but in understanding men.

So be it, O Lord.

GRANT, O Almighty God, that so often as we celebrate in memory Thy spiritual gifts of old, we also may be quickened with heavenly desires, and thirst for the waters of eternal life.

So be it, O Lord.

LORD, let Thy holy breath ever keep alive in us that fire which Thy gifted Son of old came to kindle upon earth, that we also may be anointed with the spirit of peace, holiness and obedience, and dwell in Thy fellowship for ever.

So be it, O Lord.

O GOD, who by the deep thoughts of a new mind canst restore our human nature to the worthiness from which it falls by selfish sin, look in Thy infinite

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lovingkindness on those whom Thou hast renewed by a fresh birth of the heart, and preserve in them the gifts of Thy grace for evermore.

So be it, O Lord.

O GOD, who openest all the kingdom of heaven to those who are born in thought of Thy Holy Spirit, increase and multiply on Thy servants Thy heavenly gifts, that they who have been cleansed from all sin, may not come short of any promise.

So be it, O Lord.

O GOD, who renewest in Thy love those that truly trust in Thee, grant to the regenerate such preserving grace, that they may not lose Thy blessing by any wandering from Thy way, but stand fast for ever.

So be it, O Lord.

O GOD, who unveiling the spiritual power which encompasses us, liftest us into eternal life, fulfil in us the mystery of Thy life-giving grace, that as Thou hast made us know the only true God, so we may be clothed with a blessed immortality.

So be it, O Lord.

O GOD, by whom all deliverance from evil comes, and the spirit of sonship is bestowed, look upon the creation of Thy grace; that those who inherit Thy truth in heart, may enjoy an eternal freedom in their souls.

So be it, O Lord.

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O EVERLASTING God, bring us into the fellowship of heavenly joys; that those who are born again of Thy grace may enter into Thy kingdom, and the flock rest where the Shepherd has gone before.

So be it, O Lord.

HEAR us, O Almighty Saviour, and as Thou hast given largely to Thy family the clear sight of Thy truth, dispose their hearts so to hold it fast, that they may attain everlasting joy.

So be it, O Lord.

O GOD, raise up unto Thyself, we beseech Thee, the hearts of Thy people; that all who call Thee heavenly Father may apprehend in their minds what they say with their lips, and inheriting Thy nature have peace with Thee for ever.

So be it, O Lord.

LORD, who by Thy holy truth hast bestowed on Thy servant a deliverance from sin, and the life of an awakened heart, grant the light of Thy face to shine on him evermore. Let him hold fast the shield of his faith against all adversaries, that the robe of innocence which he has put on may be white, and the spiritual seal of Thy breath inviolate; so let him, being fully reconciled, dwell in peace with Thee, who art our Father, Saviour, Teacher, now and for ever.

So be it, O Lord.

PRESERVE, O Lord, those who have put on the armour of Thy faith, invincible against all adversaries; and grant that they who are adorned with the

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wreath that fadeth not, may be victorious even to the end; for Thine is pity, and Thine it is to give salvation; and to Thee we render glory, O holy Father, in the life-giving Spirit, from age to age.

Glory to Thee, O Lord.

GRANT, O eternal Spirit, that all those who have been admitted into the fellowship of any spiritual rite, may so perceive the truth, and hold fast the grace, that in Thy sight their faith may never be reproved; so that whether men praise or blame, and whether forms and phrases be known or unknown, they may in heart and soul be justified before Thee, who searchest the heart and the reins, and knowest the deep things of God, with whom Thou art one in eternity.

So be it, O Lord.

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At an Eucharist.

O LORD, the living Bread of our souls, and life of the world, we have sinned against heaven, and are not worthy in Thy sight to partake of the signs of Thy love; but by Thy divine tenderness grant us to partake of all Thy gifts, with health of body, and peace of soul, in thanksgiving.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

O GOD our heavenly Father, who unveilest Thyself by Thy eternal Word, and givest us life by Thy holy breathing, have mercy upon us.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

LORD, open for us by grace an entrance into the holy of holies, not made with hands, that our souls and bodies being hallowed, and our consciences cleansed, we may handle with pure hands Thy work, and receive with pure minds Thy gifts, who art our Father, Saviour, Life-giver.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

LORD, forgive us all our sins, and help our slowness in forgiving; and enable us so to cleave to Thy service, that Thou mayest dwell in us by Thy grace, and we dwell in Thee by faith.

So be it, O Lord.

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O LORD GOD, Father Almighty, we give thanks to Thee through Thy Son, the healer and deliverer of men's souls by Thy grace, and glorify Thee in the Holy Spirit; and we offer unto Thee this service of our spirits and oblation of our minds, which Thy chosen servants in all nations, from sunrise to sunset, and from pole to pole, ever offer to Thee, the Father of our spirits; for there is neither nation nor tongue where Thy Spirit is not known; and in every place the incense of sighs, and the sacrifice of love, and the offering of man's soul, is dear in Thy sight.

So be it, O Lord.

LORD, let the blood of all those who have striven for right, and died for truth, be ever precious before Thee; and let not the sufferings which our mothers bore for us, nor the sighing of those who have prayed for us, nor the striving of those who have taught or any way helped us, or pleaded for our cause, come to naught, or fail of good fruit for ever.

So be it, O Lord.

LORD of all light and holiness, receive the sacrifices of our mind; and by Thy glorious Spirit purify the hearts of all who call upon the only true and living God as Lord.

So be it, O Lord.

SEND forth, O eternal Father, the breath of Thy power, in peace, meekness, patience, contrition, self-oblation; so that these our offerings may be truly sacraments, and that our hearts in offering them may be pure.

So be it, O Lord.

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PART II.

Ancient Collects and other Prayers.

REVISED.

"Hear the voice of my humble petition when I cry unto Thee; when I hold up my hands towards the unseen Dweller of Eternity."

"We wait for Thy lovingkindness, O GOD, who art far off to understand, but near to sustain them that call upon Thee."

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PART II.

Ancient Collects, Revised.

At an Eucharist.

(*Continued from Part I.*)

THIS is verily and indeed partaking of Christ if a man have His Spirit.

HOLY things for holy persons. There is one Holy, one Lord, one God the Father, to whom be glory for ever. We confess to Thee; remember us, Lord, in Thy kingdom.

WE Thy servants, O Lord, bow down before Thee, awaiting Thy rich mercies. Send forth upon us, O Lord, Thine abundant grace and benediction, and hallow our souls and bodies and spirits, that we

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may be made worthy partakers of all Thy gifts, and have remission of sin and eternal life.

So be it, O Lord.

GRANT, O Lord, that our bodies may be healthful, and our souls pure, and grant us remission of our sins.

Glory be to Thee for ever, O Lord God.

UNTO Thee we commend our whole life and hope, O Lord, the lover of men, and beseech Thee to cleanse our conscience from all evil, giving us communion of the Holy Spirit, and inheritance of the kingdom of heaven. Such confidence towards Thee may we have not to judgment nor condemnation.

So be it, O Lord.

O GOD, who of Thy love to man hast condescended to the weakness of Thy servants, and made us partakers of prayer and praise, condemn not us sinners after eating and drinking in Thy presence, but grant that being made holy, we may find our portion with all the saints who have pleased Thee from the beginning, in the light of Thy countenance, who art our Lord and Saviour.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

WE thank Thee, loving Master, and Bread of our souls, for having this day admitted us to a fellowship of prayer, and trust in Thee; guide our path aright, establish us in Thy fear; watch over our life; make safe our goings.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

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THOU hast given us, O Lord, sanctification by the communion of holy rites and prayers; grant us now the grace and gifts of Thy Holy Spirit, and keep us unreproved in life, and lead us on to perfect adoption, and redemption from evil, and eternal joys to come.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

WHAT blessing, or what thanksgiving can we render to Thee, O God, the lover of men, for that when we were cast away by the doom of death, and drowned in the depth of sin, Thou hast granted us freedom, and bestowed on us the bread of the soul, with knowledge of Thy grace and truth? Grant us to understand this Thy mercy, and ever thank Thee for Thy Fatherly care over us.

Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

LEAD us not into temptation, but lighten our paths, and send out Thy blessings on us all. Hallow our bodies and souls by this sacrifice of prayer, and guide our steps into the paths of righteousness, that we may behave ourselves according to Thy will, and observe thy commandments all the days of our life, and come to a blessed end, and sing a ceaseless hymn with all saints to the Father, in the Holy Spirit.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

MAY this communion of the mind cleanse us from guilt, and make us partakers of the joy of heaven. We have called on Thee, O Lord, in spirit and in truth; may it please Thee to make us partakers of things heavenly, while we are dwelling on the earth.

So be it, O Lord.

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GRANT, O Lord, that what we have heard with our ears we may receive with our soul, and let that which has been the speech of man become to us a counsel of God.

So be it, O Lord.

HAVING received life by the refreshment of Thy peace, and offered ourselves as living sacrifices to the obedience of Thy holy Will, we humbly beseech Thee, O God, both to cleanse us from the contagion of sin, and fortify us against all dangers.

So be it, O Lord.

MAY Thy Truth, O God, set us free from earthly delights, and ever supply us with wholesome food of heart and mind. May the vices of our hearts be overcome by the heavenly medicine which heals the diseases of our mortal nature.

So be it, O Lord.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, preserve the works of Thy mercy, and pour into our hearts the sweetness of Thy most holy Love, and of entire devotion to Thy holy Will.

So be it, O Lord.

DELIVER us from evil, O Lord; we eat in thankfulness, and we drink in temperance before Thee; may Thy Truth prove our salvation, and Thy infinite Love the forgiveness of our sins, both now and for ever.

So be it, O Lord.

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BEING fed with heavenly food, and refreshed with comfort, let us give unceasing thanks to the Lord our God, entreating that we, who have known the Father of our spirits, may be freed from carnal vices, and be made spiritual.

So be it, O Lord.

LOOK upon us, O Lord, who willest us, by Thy most holy Thought and Mind indwelling in us, to become a temple and a body of the Spirit of God; grant that Thy Love may avail for remission of our sins, and may the Divine Breathing by Thy benediction so unite itself to our souls, that the flesh, being subdued to the spirit, may obey in righteousness and true holiness.

So be it, O Lord.

BELIEVING that we have received from the Father of our spirits a name and a place in His house as of sons, and not as strangers, let us pray that it may be granted to us evermore, in fulness of faith, to purify ourselves, even as our heavenly Father is pure: and that we, being strengthened with saving grace, may so do His work, that we may enter into life eternal.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

PRESERVE in us, O Lord, the gift of Thy grace, that by the power and virtue of Thy holy Breath and Thought indwelling in us, we may be fortified against all evils of this life and of the life to come.

So be it, O Lord.

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I GIVE Thee thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God, who hast taught me, though in humility, to call myself Thy son, and I pray that this knowledge of Thy love, and of my being Thy child, may not turn to my judgment nor condemnation, through my weakness, but to the profit of my body and soul unto life eternal.

So be it, O Lord.

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For the Spirit of Prayer.

O GOD, the Father of all mankind, whose Name is great, and Thy goodness inexhaustible; Thou Master of all things, who art blessed for ever; before whom stand thousands of thousands, angels and spirits and souls made perfect: sanctify, O Lord, our souls and bodies and spirits, and touch our hearts, and search out our consciences, and cast out of us every evil thought and base desire, all envy and pride, hypocrisy and falsehood, all deceit and worldly anxiety, all covetousness and vainglory, all malice and wrath, and all remembrance of injuries, and every movement of thought contrary to Thy holy will. And grant us, O Lord, the Lover of men, with freedom of a pure heart and a contrite soul, without confusion of face, and without condemnation, boldly to call upon Thee, our holy God and Father who art in heaven.

O ETERNAL Lord, who art great and wonderful in glory, the Life of all, the Help of those that flee unto Thee, and the Hope of those who cry unto Thee; cleanse us from sin, secret and open, and from every thought displeasing to Thy goodness; cleanse our bodies and souls, our hearts and consciences, that

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with a pure heart and a clean soul, with perfect love and calm hope, we may venture fearlessly to pray unto Thee.

LORD, we beseech Thee, let Thy favour be present with Thy people who call upon Thee; that what by Thy inspiration they faithfully ask, by Thy speedy bounty they may obtain, for Thy tender mercy's sake.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, to look upon Thy servants, whom Thou hast enabled to put their trust in Thee; and grant them both to ask such things as shall please Thee, and also to obtain what they ask; through Thy compassions which have been ever from of old.

O LORD our God, who alone foreseest and bestowest things needful for our salvation; do Thou both bestow on our souls the hearty desire of imploring Thy mercy, and graciously vouchsafe us what will be for our good.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, vouchsafe us an unceasing perseverance in praying unto Thee; that as Thou dost not forsake us in our sorrow, so Thou mayest cherish us with more abundant grace when we continually beseech Thy Majesty, who art our Father for ever.

LET the prayers of Thy suppliants, O Lord, come up to the ears of Thy mercy; and that we may obtain what we ask, make us ever to ask what pleases Thee, through Thy holy breath quickening us.

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WE beseech Thee, O Lord, to govern the hearts of Thy faithful servants; and that they may by Thy bounty obtain all good things, grant first that their wills may be good, through Thy life-giving power.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, make us subject unto Thee with a ready will, and evermore stir up our wills to make supplication unto Thee, through Thy grace and truth.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, such a heart unto Thy people, that as they are brought together by their necessities to seek Thy favour, they may by their free will also become devoted to Thy service, through a true love of Thy grace and truth.

O GOD of hope, the true Light of faithful souls, and perfect brightness of the blessed; who art verily the Light enlightening all men: grant that our hearts may both render Thee a worthy prayer, and alway glorify Thee with offering praise, through Thy indwelling power.

BE present, O Lord, with Thy faithful people; and as Thou hast in Thy compassion given them a hearty desire to pray, grant them, O Most Loving, the aid of Thy comfort, for Thy tender mercy's sake.

O GOD, the Life of the faithful, the Joy of the righteous, mercifully receive the prayers of Thy suppliants, that the souls which thirst for Thy promises may evermore be filled from Thine abundance, to the glory of Thy holy Name.

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Morning Prayers.

FROM the night our spirit awaketh unto Thee, O God, for Thy precepts are a light unto us. Teach us, O God, Thy righteousness, Thy commandments, and Thy judgments. Enlighten the eyes of our minds, that we sleep not in sin unto death. Drive away all darkness from our hearts. Vouchsafe us the sun of righteousness. Guard our life from all reproach by the seal of Thy Holy Spirit. Guide our steps into the way of peace. Grant us to behold the dawn of day with joyfulness, that we may send up to Thee our prayers at eventide.

O GOD, who dividest the day from the night, separate our deeds from the gloom of darkness, that, ever meditating on things holy, we may continually live in Thy light, whose compassions are new every morning.

WE give thanks, holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, who hast been pleased to bring us through the night to the hours of morning; we pray Thee to grant us to pass this day without sin, so that at eventide we may again give thanks to Thee, who art our Father for ever.

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LOOK mercifully, O Lord, on the morning prayers of Thy suppliants, and enlighten with Thy health our body and soul, that no dark desires may have possession of those whom the light of heavenly grace daily renews; for Thy holy Name's sake.

O GOD, who by the light of Thy Word scatterest all darkness, increase in our hearts the power of faith, that no temptations may quench the fire which Thy grace kindles.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, in Thy lovingkindness, pour Thy holy light into our souls; that we may ever be devoted to Thee, by whose wisdom we were created, and by whose providence we are governed, who art our Father for ever.

FOR A SUNDAY OR HOLYDAY MORNING.

WE render Thee thanks upon thanks, O Lord our God and Saviour, in all times, and in all places. For Thou hast sheltered, supported, and led us on through the time past of our life, and brought us to this hour. And we pray Thee, O good God, grant us to pass this holy day, and all the time of our life, without sin; with all joy, health, and salvation from evil, and with fear of Thee. But all danger and temptation drive away from us, and from all holy and humble men of heart. Supply us with things good and profitable. Whereinsoever we have sinned against Thee, in thought, word, or deed, be pleased in Thy goodness to pass it over; and forsake us not, O God, who hope in Thee; neither lead us into temptation, but deliver us from all evil thoughts and works, by Thy grace and compassion, who art our Father for ever.

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Evening Prayers.

IN the evening, morning, and at noonday, we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we thank Thee, and pray Thee, Master of all, to direct our prayers as incense before Thee; and let not our hearts turn away to words or thoughts of wickedness, but rescue us from all things that ensnare our souls. For to Thee, Lord, our eyes look up, and our hope is in Thee. Let us never be confounded.

O LORD our God, who art the eternal Shepherd and Guardian of the souls of men, look upon Thy servants and Thine inheritance. For to Thee Thy servants bow the head, and lift up their voice, waiting for Thy pardon and salvation. Guard them at all times, and this evening and the ensuing night, from every adverse working of any enemy, and from idle thoughts and wicked imaginations.

O LORD our God, refresh us with quiet sleep when we are wearied with the day's labour; that being assisted with the help which our weakness needs, we may be devoted to Thee in body and in mind.

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BE present, O Lord, to our prayers, and protect us by day and night; that in all successive changes of time we may be strengthened by Thine unchangeableness, who art our Father for ever.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, at evening, and morning, and at noonday, we humbly beseech Thee, that Thou wouldest drive from our hearts the darkness of sin, and let us walk in the true light, which shineth out from Thy will for ever.

THINE is the day, O Lord, and the night is Thine; grant that the Sun of righteousness may abide in our hearts, to drive away dark and wicked thoughts; through Thy holy Breathing whereby Thou puttest strength in us.

WE give Thee thanks, O Lord, who hast preserved us through the day. We give Thee thanks, who wilt preserve us through the night. Bring us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, in safety to the morning hours, that Thou mayest receive our praise at all times; and we be Thy people, and Thou our God.

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Prayers before and after Service.

PRAYERS BEFORE SERVICE.

O EVER-LIVING Lord and Giver of all good, who hast given unto men the blessed hope of everlasting life, grant us to perform this divine service unto Thee in holiness, that we may enjoy the blessedness to come; and being evermore guarded by Thy power, and guided by Thy truth, continually render unto Thee glory and thanksgiving.

O GOD most Holy and most High, who dwellest in the holy place, bring us near to Thee, and cleanse us from all defilement, that we may perform the worship of our fathers in Thy fear; for Thou art He that blesses and hallows all things.

LORD GOD Almighty, whose glory is without end, and whose mercy is above all we can ask or think, look down upon us in Thy tender love, and show forth, towards us and those who pray with us, Thy abundant compassions.

GOD, who art King throughout all ages, and Lord of all worlds, receive our prayers, and fulfil for

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each of us what is good for him; bring us all to perfection, and make us meet for Thy grace, uniting us together in Thy holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, in which Thou art blessed for ever.

PRAYERS AFTER SERVICE.

O GOD, who hast sounded in our ears Thy saving Truth, enlighten the souls of us sinners to the full understanding of what has been spoken, that we may not only be hearers of spiritual words, but also doers of good deeds, following after faith unfeigned in blameless life, through Thy help, O Lord.

O EVER-SHINING Brightness of the Infinite Light, and Eternal Word of the Father, who speakest forth the Eternal Will, and enlightenest our hearts by entering into them with the Breath of God, make us to be not only hearers of, but also doers of the word, and to bring forth good fruit, thirty-fold and an hundred-fold, that we may attain the kingdom of heaven: and speedily may Thy compassion overtake us; for in Thee are our glad tidings, O Saviour of our souls and bodies from all evil, and through Thee we ascribe all glory to the Father.

REGARD, O Lord, the prayers of Thy family, and grant Thine aid to their humble supplications; that, by means of Thy continual help, they may persevere in the confession of Thy truth, to the honour of Thy holy Name.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, let the earnest desire of Thine obedient people move Thy pity, and their faithful supplication obtain Thy mercy; that

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what they cannot claim by merit they may receive by the abundance of Thy love, for Thy holy Name's sake.

O GOD, who in Thy infinite wisdom and compassion givest more than we ask or deserve; grant, we beseech Thee, that what we cannot have by reliance on our own deserts may be granted to us by Thy mercy, who art our Father for ever.

CONFIRM, O Lord, Thy perpetual gifts to Thy faithful servants, that in receiving them they may seek Thee, and in seeking Thee may endlessly receive them, to Thy honour and glory.

BLESS, O Lord, all them that have the mind of Thy children, and fill them with spiritual gifts; grant them love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, gentleness, hope, faith, chastity: that being replenished with all Thy gifts, they may attain their desire of coming safe unto Thee, to the glory of Thy Name.

WE beseech Thee, Lord, open the heavens from whence Thy gifts descend to us, and from hence may our hearts look back to Thee. Grant that while we receive the benefits which we implore, we may render the service enjoined to us. Look down from heaven, O Lord, behold and visit this vine which Thy right hand hath planted. Strengthen the weak, relieve the contrite, confirm the strong. Build them up in love, cleanse them with purity, enlighten them with wisdom, keep them with mercy. Thou who art the eternal Shepherd of men, feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, seek for the lost, convert the wandering, bind up that which is broken; may they

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feel the touch of Thy hand, and receive the joy of the Holy Spirit, that they may remain blessed for evermore.

ALMIGHTY God, who fillest earth, and air, and sea, and sky with Thy infinite presence, but bringest chiefly Thy thought to life in the house of prayer and the minds of men, give us grace always to enter Thy church with awe, and so to call on Thee in common devotion, that we may go forth with a blessing, for Thy goodness' sake.

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Prayers for Particular Graces.

FOR REPENTANCE AND CONVERSION.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, help us to turn with all our hearts to Thyself; that as Thou vouchsafest such good gifts to the undeserving, Thou mayest bestow yet greater on the devout.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, convert our minds, we beseech Thee, to deeds which shall be pleasing in Thy sight, that Thy rebuke may not prove, by our neglect, a greater cause of punishment, but by our amendment a fatherly admonition, through Thy grace and truth.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, convert all our hearts unto Thyself, that we, abstaining from things which offend Thee, may feel Thy mercy, and not Thy wrath, who art our Father for ever.

O ETERNAL Father, convert our hearts unto Thyself, so that by Thy help we being heartily devoted to Thy service, no manner of good things may be lacking to us, through Thy grace and truth.

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ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whom that begins to be which was not, and that which lay hid is made visible, cleanse away the folly of our heart, and purify us from our secret vices; that we may be able to serve Thee, O Lord, with a pure mind; to the honour of Thy holy Name.

O GOD, the Comforter of the humble, and the strength of the faithful, be merciful to Thy people that cry unto Thee, that whereas our human weakness is by itself prone to fall, we may ever be supported by Thee to stand upright; through Thy holy and quickening power, O Lord.

FOR PARDON.

O God, if Thou shouldest render to us what we deserve, we must sooner perish than endure our punishment; we therefore pray Thee mercifully to forgive our wanderings, and that we may be able to turn with all our hearts to Thy commandments, do Thou go before us with abundant mercy, and put strength into us.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, in Thy forgiving love turn away what we deserve for our sins, nor let our offences prevail before Thee, but let Thy mercy always rise up to overcome them; who art our Father for ever.

O GOD, who sufferest not that offenders should perish without being enabled to turn and live, we beseech Thee to suspend the wrath due to our sins, and mercifully grant that no drawing back on our part may increase our punishment, but rather our

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amendment may avail for our pardon, through Thy grace and truth.

BE present, O Lord, to our supplications, and so heal our wounds, and forgive our sins, that, being severed from Thee by no iniquity, we may be able evermore to cleave to Thee, our Lord.

O GOD, who ever ownest as Thy true servants and shepherds, them that bring home Thy lost sheep to the fold as on their shoulders, and art appeased by the prayers and confession of the penitent; do Thou, O Lord, be favourable to Thy servants, and graciously receive their prayers.

MAY Thy mercy, O Lord, we beseech Thee, be beforehand with Thy servants, and all their iniquities be blotted out by Thy speedy pardon; for Thy holy Name's sake.

O GOD, the gracious Maker and Restorer of mankind, who givest life to Thy servants, and in nowise desirest their death, neither leavest them when they are astray, but receivest them when they are brought back; let the sorrowful sighing of Thy servants move Thy pity. Do Thou heal their wounds, and so extend Thy saving hand to the prostrate, that Thy flock may suffer no loss, nor those who were once washed from sin be possessed by the second death. Spare Thou those who confess and mourn over their sins, that in the day of judgment they may escape the sentence of wrong-doers, and know neither terror nor shame; and that having returned from the path of error to the way of righteousness, they may be pierced with no more wounds, but may retain in

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fulness for ever both what Thy grace hath vouchsafed, and what Thy mercy hath restored; who art our Father for ever.

O GOD, beneath whose eye every heart trembles, and all consciences are afraid; be merciful to the groanings of all, and heal the wounds of all; that as not one of us is free from fault, so not one may be shut out from pardon, for Thy infinite mercy's sake.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, who willest not the souls of sinners to perish, but rather their faults to be put away; restrain the anger we deserve, and pour out upon us the clemency which we entreat, that through Thy mercy we may pass from mourning into joy.

WE beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, to show us Thine unspeakable mercy, that Thou mayest both set us free from sin, and rescue us from the punishment which for our sins we deserve.

O GOD, who purifiest the hearts of those who confess to Thee, and absolvest from all bonds of iniquity those who accuse their own consciences; give pardon to the guilty, and vouchsafe healing to the wounded, that they may receive remission of all sins, and abide henceforth in sincere devotion, and sustain no loss of this freedom of their souls, for Thy great mercy's sake.

O GOD, the Infinite and Incomprehensible, whose Name is Incomprehensible, who purifiest the depths of man's heart from vices, and makest it whiter than snow; we beseech Thee of Thy compassion to

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renew in our inward parts Thy Holy Spirit of power and of joy and of freedom, that being strengthened with the righteous and princely Spirit, we may be enabled to find our place in the heavenly city of just men made perfect, and abide with Thee for ever.

O GOD, who desirest not the death, but the repentance of sinners, reject not from Thy tender love my wretched self, a frail sinner; nor look to my sins and crimes, and my unholy and base thoughts, whereby I am wofully disunited from Thy will; but look Thou to Thine own mercy, and come unto me, and make me fit for Thyself, pouring out on me Thine own goodness, until I become like unto Thee.

RECEIVE my confession, O my only Hope of salvation, my Lord and God. Thou who justifiest the ungodly, and quickenest the dead, Lord my God, justify me and revive me. Save me, O Lord, King of eternal glory, who canst save. Grant me to will and to do and to accomplish what is pleasing to Thee, and profitable to myself; give me aid in distress, comfort in perplexity, and strength in all temptation; vouchsafe me pardon for past evils, amendment of present evils, and be my ever ready help against evils to come. Thine it is to give the sinner a stricken heart and healing tears. It is mine, if Thou shalt vouchsafe it, to weep for my sins; it is Thine to efface them speedily, as a cloud. I beseech Thee, O Lord, to forget my sins and to remember Thy mercies. O Saviour of souls, spare me, pity me, not according to my deserts, but according to Thy mercy. Cast me not away, but receive me according to Thy word, that I may live, and not be disappointed

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of my hope. Give me cleansing tears, O Fountain of life. My hope of salvation is in no works of mine; but my soul hangs simply on the boundlessness of Thy love, and confides in the multitude of Thy mercies. Help me, O Lord, and deliver me from evil.

FOR HUMILITY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who resistest the proud, and givest grace to the humble; grant us the wisdom of meekness, that we may not exalt ourselves, and provoke Thine indignation, but bow down and receive the gifts of Thy mercy, Who art the Giver of all good, and by whose strength we stand.

FOR FAITH.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, in Thy compassion increase Thy faith in us; and because Thou never deniest the aid of Thy lovingkindness to Thy faithful people, grant us therefore so to trust in Thee, and with pure heart so to behold Thy truth, that our faith in Thy sight may never be reproved.

GRANT us, O Lord, we pray Thee, to trust in Thee with all our heart; and since Thou resistest the proud, but forsakest not those who confide in Thy mercy, defend us ever from all evil thoughts, and grant us the increase of faith, hope, and charity.

CONFIRM, O Lord, in our minds the true faith, that as we confess the Divine Thought to be brought forth in mankind by the Breath of God

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quickening us, so by growing in the same Divine likeness we may be enabled to attain to eternal joy.

FOR LOVE.

O GOD, who hast taught Thy Church to keep all Thy commandments, by loving first the eternal God, and next our neighbour as ourself, grant us the Spirit of peace and grace, that Thine universal family may be both devoted to Thee with their whole heart, and united to each other with a pure will.

O GOD, who makest all things work for good to them that love Thee, grant to our hearts an invincible power of love, that the desires which have been conceived by Thine inspiration may not be changed by any temptation.

O GOD, the Author of peace, and the lover of concord, grant to Thy servants a true agreement with Thy will, that we may be delivered from all the temptations which attack us.

FOR HEAVENLY-MINDEDNESS AND PEACE.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, unto whose everlasting blessedness we ascend, not by frailty of the flesh, but by willingness of the soul; make us ever, by Thine inspiration, to breathe the pure air of the heavenly city, and by Thy mercy be as citizens of the same.

GRANT us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing

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away, to cleave to those that shall abide, even as the spirits of all the righteous, who have been made perfect before us.

O GOD of love, and giver of concord, who hast given us counsel for our profit, with a blessed commandment to love one another, even as Thou lovest us, the unworthy and the wandering, and givest us the power of returning to life and salvation; we pray Thee, Lord, give us Thy servants, in all time of our life on the earth, (but especially now,) a mind forgetful of past ill-will, a pure conscience, and sincere thoughts, and a heart to love our brethren.

O GOD, who art the great deep of eternal peace, and the vast sea of love, and the fountain of all blessings, and ever sendest peace upon men of peace, open to us this day the sea of Thy love, and water us with plenteous streams from the riches of Thy grace, and from the fresh springs of Thy benignity. Make us children of quietness, and heirs of peace. Enkindle in us the fire of Thy love; sow in us Thy fear; strengthen our weakness by Thy power; bind us closely to Thee and to each other in a holy bond of unity.

O GOD the Father, and first Author of all divine being, good beyond all that is good, and fair beyond all that is fair; in whom is calmness, peace, and concord; do Thou make up the dissensions which divide us from each other, and bring us back into an unity of love, which may bear some likeness to Thy blessed Nature. And as Thou art above all things, make us one by the fellowship of a good mind, that through bonds of affection we may be spiritually one, as well in ourselves as in each other, through that

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peace of Thine which maketh all things peaceful, and through the grace, mercy, and tenderness wherewith Thou, O Lord, art our Father for ever.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, as Thou hast vouchsafed us confidence in Thee; so keep us in perpetual peace and safety, through Thy grace and truth.

FOR DELIVERANCE FROM TEMPTATION.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, to renew Thy people inwardly and outwardly, that as Thou wouldest not have them to be hindered by sinful pleasures, Thou mayest strengthen them with pure heart and mind, and refresh them in such sort by things transitory, that Thou mayest grant them rather to cleave to things eternal.

IN Thy mercy and majesty, O Lord, behold Thy household, that they may be neither stained with vices of their own, nor held in bondage by the sins of others; but that being ever freed and cleansed from both, they may do service unto Thee, to the honour of Thy holy Name.

HEAR us, O Lord our God, and separate the hearts of Thy faithful people from the wickedness of the world; that they who call Thee Lord with their own voice may not fall back into the service of any enemy of the soul.

O GOD, who canst mitigate the flames of fire for true martyrs and confessors; grant, we beseech Thee, that Thy servants may ever glow with faith, and

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not be scorched by the flame of any temptation to do evil in Thy sight.

O GOD, who dwellest in the holy place, and forsakest not pious hearts, deliver us from earthly desire and unruly appetite; that no sin may reign in us; but that we may with free spirits serve Thee, our only Lord, whose name is Holy, Holy, Holy.

FOR GUIDANCE.

MERCIFULLY regard, O Lord, the prayers of Thy family; and while they submit themselves to Thee with their whole heart, do Thou prosper them with support, and encompass them with blessings, that, relying on Thee as their Guide, they may be entangled in no evils, but filled with all good.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, in Thy lovingkindness, set in order our life and conversation, that no adversities may prevail against us, and no kind of health be wanting to us.

MAKE us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, obedient to Thy commandments; so that all things may go prosperously with us in following the Author of our life and only guardian of our souls.

GRANT to Thy servants, O Lord, the pardon of their sins, comfort in life, and perpetual guidance; whereby they may faithfully serve Thee, and be always enabled to attain Thy mercy, for Thy holy Name's sake.

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FOR SPIRITUAL JOY AND THANKFULNESS.

LET Thy perpetual mercy, O Lord, accompany Thy Church; that while it is placed among the storms of the world, it may both be refreshed with present gladness, and behold the brightness of eternal bliss.

O GOD, who chastisest us in Thy love, and refreshest us amid Thy chastening; grant that we may ever be able to give Thee thanks for both; by faith in Him who is our faithful Friend, and the Father of our spirits.

FOR RECOVERY OF LOST HAPPINESS.

GRANT, O Merciful God, that we who, by violating the Divine precepts, fall away from happiness and peace, may, by keeping Thy commandments, regain the access to eternal bliss, and in Thy light see light.

FOR PERSEVERANCE.

O GOD, who in Thy lovingkindness art both the beginner and finisher of all good things; grant that as we glory in the beginning of Thy grace, so we may rejoice in its completion; through Thy perpetual truth.

O GOD, who bestowest this upon us by Thy grace, that we should be made righteous instead of ungodly, blessed instead of miserable; be present to Thine own works, and continue Thine own gifts; that they in whom dwells a justifying faith may not lack a

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strong perseverance, through the holy breathing of the living God.

FOR MERCY IN THE JUDGMENT.

IN the time of terror and of dread, and in all time of sadness, have pity, O Lord, on those who confess Thy Name. Have Thou a care of those who put their trust in Thy love for men, and forgive their sins. Let Thy tenderness be stirred up for those who call upon Thee; nor let Thy grace fail us. Let not the light of our lamps be put out. Let not Thy justice be against us. Show the aid of Thy grace against our weakness. Pour out the flood of Thy pity on our ungodliness, and wash away our sins, and purge us from whatever is hateful. Give us true and uncorrupt faith, a pure and tranquil life, high and holy gifts, freedom from severe temptations, a departure with due preparation, a good end, with all blessing and the delight of an inheritance with the saints, and confidence when we stand before Thy throne, whose mercy endureth for ever.

DELIVER me, O Lord, in the day when the heavens and the earth shall be shaken, when Thou shalt come to judge the world. That day is a day of wrath, a great day and a terrible. What shall I, most wretched, say or do, when I have no good thing to bring before Thee? Now, O Father, we appeal to Thee—we pray Thee, pity us: Thou who redeemest the lost, condemn not Thou the redeemed.

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Prayers for Several Occasions.

THE DAY OF ENGLISH MARTYRS.

MERCIFUL Lord, who gavest the martyrs of our own country such faithfulness, that they yielded their bodies to be burnt in the flame, for the freedom of men's souls; grant that the candle which they lighted may never be quenched in our land; but enable us, when Thou shalt call us, to leave, if need be, what we have held dear, and with undaunted faith to follow Thee our Saviour, and true refuge of our souls.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

O GOD, who didst give Thy servants, Latimer and Ridley, grace to witness a true confession, lighting a candle not to be quenched; grant us so to love the truth which they defended, that we may hold fast its freedom, and live in its light, and in Thy light see light for ever and ever.

So be it, O Lord.

A SAINT'S DAY.

O LORD our God, multiply upon us Thy grace, and grant us to follow, by a holy warfare, the pure steps of those whose glorious triumphs we celebrate.

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GRANT, O Almighty God, that we may evermore praise Thee in the commemoration of Thy Saints, and let Thy grace cherish those who persevere in honouring Thee; through Thy grace and truth.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast enabled Thy saints not only to believe in Thy truth, but also to suffer for Thy sake; extend Thy Divine aid also to our weakness, that as they breathed out their happy souls for the right and the truth, so we may hold fast a sincere confession of Thee, and our faith in Thy sight never be reproved.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the examples of Thy saints may stir us up to a better life, so that we who celebrate their memory may also imitate their actions.

O GOD, who permittest us to celebrate the commemoration of all Thy saints, grant that we, Thy servants, may enjoy their fellowship in eternal gladness; through the comfort of Thy life-giving breath.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who enkindlest the flame of Thy love in the hearts of Thy saints; grant to our minds the same faith and power of love, that as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may profit by their examples, through Thy help putting strength in us.

FOR THE DAY OF A FAST.

O GOD, who by Thy word dost marvellously work out the reconciliation of mankind; grant, we beseech Thee, that by meek temperance we may both

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be subjected to Thee with all our hearts, and be united to each other in prayers and charity.

O GOD, who in Thy deep counsel and foresight for mankind, givest food for our need, and teachest temperance for our health, do Thou purify our souls and bodies, O Saviour of body and soul, and grant us eternal happiness. We beseech Thee, O Lord, let Thy gracious favour carry us through the discipline of temperance which we have begun; that as we observe it by bodily obedience, so we may be able to fulfil it with sincerity of mind.

O GOD, who ever sparest all them that truly repent of their sins, we humbly beseech Thee that in this our fast Thou wouldest, of Thine accustomed mercy, vouchsafe to us also Thy forgiveness.

IN TIME OF CALAMITY.

O GOD, who desirest not the death but the repentance of sinners, we beseech Thee, in Thy lovingkindness, to turn Thy people to Thyself, who art ever ready to receive them that truly come unto Thee.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, give effect to our devout supplications, and mercifully turn away the evil we have deserved, that we may give Thee thanks for Thy compassion, who art our Judge, and also our Father for ever.

O GOD, the Maker of the universe, by whose command the course of the world proceeds, be present in Thy goodness to our prayer, and vouchsafe

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in our times the tranquillity of peace, that we may with true hearts rejoice in giving praise to Thy mercy.

AFTER THE REMOVAL OF CALAMITIES.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who healest us by chastening, and preservest us by pardoning; grant unto Thy suppliants, that we may both rejoice in the comfort of the tranquillity which we desired, and also use the gift of Thy peace for the effectual amendment of our lives.

WE humbly beseech and implore Thy Majesty, O Lord, that as Thou hast delivered us from impending dangers, so Thou wouldest graciously absolve us from our sins; that Thou mayest both bestow upon us greater benefits, and make us obedient to Thy commands, who art our rightful Lord.

BEFORE AND AFTER MEALS.

BLESS, O Lord, Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. May Thy gifts, O Lord, be our refreshment, and Thy grace our consolation.

WE have been satisfied, O Lord, with Thy gifts and bounties. Fill us with Thy mercy, who art blessed, and our Father for ever.

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Intercessions.

FOR THE CHURCH.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast revealed Thy glory among all nations, preserve the works of Thy mercy; that Thy truth may spread throughout the world, and steadfast faith in freedom join us to Thy life-giving Spirit.

O GOD, of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on the whole body of those in whom Thy Holy Spirit dwells, and by Thy perpetual providence carry out the work of man's salvation; that all manner of tyranny and wrong may be cast down, and things which had grown old be made new, and all things return to perfection, through Him from whom they took their origin; even through the Word of Thy Counsel, and the Breathing of Thy Life, who art the living God.

O GOD, who art both the Restorer and the Ruler of mankind, grant, we beseech Thee, that Thy Church may ever be increased by a new offspring, and grow up by the devotion of all the faithful; through Thy indwelling Spirit.

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O GOD, who reckonest Thy children more by nobleness of mind than by peculiarity of race, grant us both the will and the power to do what Thou commandest; that Thy people who are called to eternal life may have such faith in their hearts, and such piety in their actions, as becometh those who are children of God.

O ALMIGHTY God, we humbly beseech Thee, who art of boundless goodness, and to be feared for Thy mercy, that by Thine aid all trials, produced by earthly sin or secular danger, may depart from us: and that Thy true devotion may ever continue undefiled amongst men.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, to guide Thy Church with Thy perpetual governance; that it may walk warily in times of quiet, and boldly in times of trouble.

MERCIFULLY receive, O Lord, the prayers of our distress, that all adversities and errors may be destroyed, and we may serve Thee with quiet freedom; and give Thy peace in our times, with light more and more.

FOR BISHOPS AND PASTORS.

O GOD, who by the power of Thy majesty dispensest the number of our days and the measure of our gifts; favourably regard the service which we humbly render; and grant that all true shepherds of souls may be filled with the abundance of Thy peace and the grace of Thy truth more and more, unto the perfect day.

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LORD, who by providence choosest our apostles and teachers, may it please Thee that Thy servant as a true teacher impart doctrine, benediction, and instruction; that he may preserve his flock unharmed, and his life undefiled, for ever and ever.

GOD, who to all true teachers and suffering martyrs givest a priesthood which never passeth away, let Thy power come to the aid of Thy servants; and clothe them with glory and beauty, that they may carefully and excellently discharge their holy offices according to Thy pleasure; and as they have received talents to be employed as the Spirit giveth ability, they may at the last lay them on Thy table with abundant gain, that they may become worthy to hear that voice full of hope, "Enter into the joy that has no end." May they go on from strength to strength; lift them up while they worship Thee; perfect Thy gifts in them, and crown their heads with righteousness; and in their hearts, as in an ark, may Thy grace be stored up. Grant them Thine abundant help, and fill their labours with power.

O GOD, whose ways are all mercy and truth, carry on Thy gracious work in preserving by Thy help that holiness which human frailty cannot attain, that they who attend on heavenly things may be grounded in perfect faith, and keep unspotted the purity of their minds; through Thy breathing of everlasting life.

FOR THE SOVEREIGN.

O GOD, in whose hand are the hearts of kings, incline Thy merciful ears to our humble entreaty; and govern with Thy wisdom all our rulers, pastors, and teachers; that their counsels may be drawn from

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Thy fountain, and they may be well-pleasing in Thy sight, and eminent in gifts as in station, and a blessing to those whom they guide.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty God, that all they who by Thy mercy undertake the government of Thy people, may also receive the increase of all virtues, and being beautified therewith, may be able to avoid all enormity of sin, and to attain to Thee, who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and be acceptable in Thy sight, who art King of kings and Lord of lords.

FOR A FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND KINDRED.

HEAR us, holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, and be pleased to send the holy angels of Thy providence to guard, cherish, and defend all who dwell in this habitation, and who call upon Thee as the Father of their spirits.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, make Thy servants always to join together in seeking Thee with their whole heart, and serve Thee with submissive mind; and as we humbly implore Thy mercy, so let us perpetually rejoice in Thy blessings.

STRETCH forth, O Lord, Thy mercy over all our friends and kindred, even the right hand of heavenly help; that they may seek Thee with their whole heart, and obtain what they rightly ask for; through Thy fatherly goodness.

O GOD, who by the grace of the Holy Ghost hast poured the gifts of love into the hearts of Thy faithful people; grant unto Thy servants for whom I implore Thy mercy, health of body and mind; that

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they may love Thee with all their strength, and with perfect affection fulfil all Thy holy will.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, have mercy on Thy servant . . . and guide him according to Thy goodness into the way of everlasting salvation: that by Thy grace he may desire what pleases Thee, and with all power may perform it.

MAY these prayers and tears, O Lord, which I now offer, be my cleansing; and grant Thy servant . . . to be delivered from all sin.

O GOD, who forgivest the ungodly, and turnest them, because Thou willest not the death of a sinner; we humbly beseech Thy Majesty that Thou wouldest graciously protect with heavenly aid Thy servant, who relies on Thy mercy, and keep him safe with unceasing protection; that he may continually serve Thee, and not be parted from Thee by any temptation.

FOR ALL IN ERROR OF SIN.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who savest all men, and willest not that any should perish; look upon the souls which have been deceived by any error of thought or life; that all blind perversity may be driven away, and the hearts of the erring may repent, and return to Thine unshaken Truth.

BREAK, O Lord, the bonds of all tyranny which enslave the faith, and scatter all superstitions which corrupt the truth; that as Thou art acknowledged in heaven and in earth as one Lord, so Thy

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people, gathered from all nations, may serve Thee in unity of faith.

O GOD, who enlightenest the eyes of the blind, bring back the erring into the way of salvation.

O GOD, who delightest in the devotion of the faithful, make Thy people, we pray Thee, to be devoted to Thy holy things; that they who depart from their duties by depravity of mind may be converted by Thy grace, and return from the snares of evil wherein they are held captive.

FOR CHRISTIANS AND HEATHEN.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who repellest not the faithless from Thy mercy; hear our prayers, which we offer unto Thee for all blinded and deluded persons, that by acknowledging the light of Thy truth they may be rescued from darkness.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who desirest not the death, but the life of sinners; mercifully receive our prayer, and deliver all nations from tyranny and superstition, and from mingling the truth with lies, and gather them into the free assembly of godly men, to the praise and glory of Thy Name.

ALMIGHTY Lord our God, direct our steps into the way of peace, and strengthen our hearts to obey Thy commands; may the dayspring visit us from on high, and give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death; that they may adore Thee for Thy mercy, follow Thee for Thy truth, and enjoy Thee in Thy sweetness for ever.

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Litany for the Sick.

LORD, have mercy upon him—Lord, hear us.

Spare him, O Lord.

From all evil, O Lord, deliver him; even from all his sins, and from unholy thoughts; from pain and anguish, from the snares of every enemy, from all tribulation at this time, and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver him.

By the mystery of Thy mercy, and by the grace of the Holy Ghost the Comforter,.

Good Lord, deliver him.

Give him fruitful and saving penitence;
Give him a humbled and contrite heart;
Give him perfect faith, hope, and love;
Take away from him all murmuring and impatience;
Give him pardon of all sins:
Give him Thy grace unto eternal life;
Bless him with Thy holy right hand.

O Love of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us and upon him, O Lord.

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK.

O GOD, who ever governest Thy creatures with tender affection, incline Thine ear to our supplications, and graciously regard Thy servant who is suffering from bodily sickness, and visit him with Thy salvation, and bestow the medicine of heavenly grace.

O GOD, who has vouchsafed to mankind the remedies that bring salvation, and the gifts of eternal life; preserve to Thy servant the gifts of Thy power, and grant that not only in his body, but also in his soul, he may experience Thy healing.

ALMIGHTY God, the eternal salvation of believers, hear us for Thy servants . . . for whom we implore the aid of Thy mercy; that their health may be restored to them, and they may give thanks to Thee in holiness of life.

O GOD, who canst easily add many years to man's life; let Thy power raise up Thy servant . . . from the bed of sickness unto health.

LOOK, O Lord, upon Thy servant . . . who is suffering from bodily sickness, and refresh the soul which Thou hast created; that being bettered by Thy chastisement, it may straightway feel itself saved by Thy healing.

O LORD our God, Almighty, we beseech Thee to save us all, Thou only Physician of souls and bodies. Sanctify us all, Thou that healest every disease; and heal also this Thy servant. Raise him up from the bed of pain by Thy tender mercy; visit him in mercy and compassion; drive away from him all sickness and infirmity; that being raised up by

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Thy mighty hand, he may serve Thee with all thankfulness; and that we being made partakers of Thy unspeakable goodness, may praise and glorify Thee, who doest works great and wonderful, and worthy to be praised. For it is Thine to pity and to save; and to Thee we ascribe glory, holy Father, for ever.

ALMIGHTY God, who succourest those that labour under perils and afflictions, we humbly beseech Thy Majesty that it may please Thee to uphold with Thy comfort Thy servant, who in this house is suffering distress and affliction; that he may both receive Thy present aid, and attain eternal healing.

PRAYERS FOR THE DYING.

ALMIGHTY God, the everlasting guardian of the souls of men, may it please Thee to bestow Thy healing on the soul of Thy servant, who suffers in body from weakness, and the force of pain and disease. Grant him, O Lord, Thy grace, that his soul, in the hour of its departure from the body, may return into Thy everlasting and all-compassionate arms, clear from all stains of deadly sin, and finding peace with Thee.

ALMIGHTY God, who has been pleased to breathe into man a soul according to Thy likeness, do Thou, while at Thy bidding dust returns to dust, command Thine image to be associated with Thy saints and with spirits made perfect in an everlasting home; and tenderly receive it as it returns from this twilight vale unto Thee, and send Thy holy angels to meet it, and show it the way of righteousness, and open the gates of Thy glory, that it may dwell with Thee in the

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light which no man hath seen, amidst the songs which ear hath not heard.

O MERCIFUL God, who art the fountain of all compassion, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made: we sinners beseech Thee to deliver the souls of Thy servants from the powers of darkness; Lord, put all our sins out of remembrance for ever, and mercifully pardon whatever guilt we have contracted by misplacement and perplexity in this entangled world, or by our sinfulness and weakness.

GRANT Thy servant, O Holy Father, of Thy bounty to receive that remission of his sins which he has ever longed for. Give him a calm and quiet abode.

Give to this our brother, returning to Thee out of the flesh, a place of refreshment and light and everlasting blessedness. Let him with confidence wait for the day of judgment.

Show him that light so full of loveliness, Thy holy and glorious face looking on him with benignity.

Father, let it please Thee to hear us.
God of all compassion, receive our prayer.
God that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on his soul.
God that takest away the sins of the world.
Give him peace, and eternal happiness, and everlasting glory.
Lord, have mercy upon him.

FOR THE AFFLICTED.

UNTO every true soul that is afflicted or plunged into distress, grant Thou mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment.

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ALMIGHTY God, the everlasting comforter of the sad, the strength of sufferers, let the prayers of those that cry out of any tribulation come unto Thee; that all may rejoice to find Thy mercy present with them in their afflictions.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, give strength to the weary, aid to the sufferers, comfort to the sad, help to those in tribulation.

LET it please Thee to look upon and relieve the miseries of the poor and of captives.

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A General Pleading.

WHEN we cry, hear us, O Lord, and may it please Thee to defend and exalt Thy Truth on earth, as it is in heaven.

Grant to Thy people the tranquillity of peace.

Put down the enemies of mankind.

Especially defend us from all dangerous enemies of the soul.

May it please Thee to preserve our pastor and teacher, and the flock committed to him.

Preserve our land and race in perpetual prosperity.

Preserve all orders of the Church, the clergy and laity and the whole people.

Make us persevere in good works.

Give us inward armour against evil thoughts and passions.

Let Thy mercy and pity keep us safe.

Give us the will and the power to repent in earnest.

Give us pardon, and entire escape from all our sins.

Give us a right faith, firm hope in thy goodness, and perfect love and constant fear of Thee.

May it please Thee to remove evil thoughts from us, and all hatred and envy.

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Pour into our souls the grace of the Holy Spirit, and give us perpetual light.

May it please Thee to give us an useful life and a happy end, and bring us to everlasting joys.

Give perfection to beginners, give intelligence to the little ones, give aid to those who are running their course, give compunction to the negligent, give fervour of spirit to the lukewarm, give to the perfect a good consummation.

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Prayers for the use of the Clergy.

O LORD our God, who by Thine own presence dost shed abundant power on those who by the calling of Thy Holy Spirit become ministers of things divine; keep Thy servant whom Thou hast willed to have the care of souls, that he may hold the faith in a pure conscience with all virtue; vouchsafe him the grace given to Thy first marytr Stephen, who had the admirable gift of patience; and fill him, by the presence of Thy life-giving Spirit, with all holy love, and power, and sanctification. For Thou art our God, and to Thee we render glory, Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit, now and ever.

O GOD, great in power, unsearchable in understanding, wondrous in counsels towards the children of men, do Thou fill with the gift of the Holy Spirit him whom Thou hast willed to undertake the degree of the priesthood; that he may stand before Thy holy altar unblamably, announce the glad message of Thy kingdom, administer the word of Thy truth, offer gifts and spiritual sacrifices unto Thee, and renew Thy people with a new birth of the mind; that at the coming of our God and Saviour, he may go forth to meet Him; and by the multitude of Thy mercies receive his reward.

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IT is meet for us to beseech Thy Majesty, that we may be found at our Lord's coming ever ministering to our fellow-servants their portion of meat in due season; that in all our dealings with Thy servants we may be careful to join affection with rebuke, and needful censure with love; and that, wisely discharging the service committed to us, we may not incur the guilt of neglecting what our Lord entrusted to us, but may receive profit from having multiplied God's talents, whereof we have been the stewards.

GRANT to us, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we may so behave ourselves by Thy grace as to be worthy of Thee, and may afford to Thy faithful people the example of a right conversation; and that the everlasting salvation of Thy people may become the reward of the priest, through Thy might working in us.

O GOD, who providest for Thy people with tenderness, and rulest over them in love; give the spirit of wisdom to those to whom Thou hast given the authority of government; that from the well-being of the holy sheep may proceed the eternal joy of the pastors; through Thy perpetual help.

MAKE me, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, to be clothed in righteousness, to rejoice in the gladness of Thy saints; that being cleansed from all filthiness of sin, I may attain the fellowship of those priests who are pleasing unto Thee; and that I, who am burdened by the guilt of my own conscience, may be delivered by Thy mercy from all vices; through the abounding of Thy compassion beyond my weakness.

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CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST.

O GOD, the Fountain of all goodness, who dost not straightway condemn the sinner, but compassionately waitest for his repentance; I beseech Thee to wipe away all my offences, and make me meet to perform the office laid upon me; and that I who have unworthily undertaken the ministration of Thine altar may be rendered strong to perform it, and be justified among those who have pleased Thee; through Thy power working in me mightily.

O MOST merciful God, incline Thy loving ears to my prayers, and illuminate my heart with the grace of the Holy Spirit, that I may worthily minister to Thy mysteries, and love Thee with an everlasting love.

O LORD GOD, Father Almighty, bless and sanctify this sacrifice of praise which is offered unto Thee, to the honour and glory of Thy Name; and pardon the sins of Thy people, and hear my prayer, and forgive me all my sins.

BE present, O Father of our spirits, in the midst of us, as Thou wast in the midst of Thy people of old, and sanctify this oblation.

THOU who art beyond all our thought, and art here invisibly present with us, vouchsafe to impart Thine Holy Spirit to us, and to all Thy people.

MAY Thy life and power, which I heartily seek of Thy grace in this Sacrament, O Lord, efface the stains of my sins, and render me capable of the discharge of the office laid upon me.

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ADMINISTRATION OF OTHER RITES.

O GOD, who, by Thine invisible power, wonderfully workest out an effect to our prayer, and although we be unworthy to call upon Thee, yet Thou, not forsaking Thy people, inclinest Thy gracious ears to our entreaty; be present to us in Thy goodness, assist us in Thy lovingkindness, while we are observing Thy commands.

MAY that which is to be performed by our humble ministration, be fulfilled by Thine effectual power.

BE present, O Lord, to our supplications; and graciously hearken unto me, who am the first to need Thy mercy; and as Thou hast made me the minister of this work, not by choosing me on account of merit, but by the gift of Thy grace, so give me confidence to perform Thine office, and do Thou Thyself, by Thy holy breathing, carry out Thy own lovingkindness; be present, O merciful God, that what has been done by our office and service may be confirmed by Thy benediction.

PREACHING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the source and perfection of all virtues; grant us, we beseech Thee, both to do what is right, and to preach what is true; that both by action and teaching we may afford to Thy faithful people the instruction of Thy grace; through Thy power working in us mightily.

VISITATION.

HEAR us, holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, and join the grace of Thine own visitation to our humble services; that Thou mayest make

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Thyself a mansion in the hearts of those who approach Thy dwelling.

O GOD, the protector of the faithful, and constant visitor of minds obedient unto Thee; may it please Thee to be present with Thy favour to Thy servants in this house; that while we visit them with human solicitude, Thou mayest guard them with divine favour.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, who art pleased to use the ministry of priests for the rendering service and prayer, we implore Thy boundless mercy, that whatever we visit Thou wouldest visit, whatever we bless Thou wouldest bless, and that at the teaching of Thy humble servants evil may flee away, and peace come in.

ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION.

O GOD, by whose command the order of all time runs its course; look graciously upon me, Thy servant, whom Thou hast been pleased to promote to the order of the Presbyterate; and that my service may be pleasing unto Thee, do Thou mercifully preserve in me Thy gifts through Thy power working in me mightily.

PRAYER FOR THE FLOCK.

SEEING that I have no confidence in anything but Thy mercy, do Thou endue me with power to proclaim Thy truth, and sanctify my work with abundant grace, that Thou mayest both save my unworthy self, and sanctify in Thy lovingkindness the flock committed to me. Whatever is corrupt in them, do Thou make sound; and whatever is vicious in me, do Thou cure; whatever sins they have contracted

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through my lukewarmness or carelessness, do Thou mercifully forgive; if in anything they have fallen into sin, whether with or without my knowledge, or have fallen by the stumbling-block of my example, rescue them from their fall by the hand of Thy mercy, and render not to myself the punishment which my fault deserves. But let the rebukes which I have administered to others conduce to their salvation; and let the pleading of this prayer recall them from the error they have committed, that they may not endure any torment or shame; so that Thou mayest pardon their iniquities, and wash away the offence of which I have become guilty by my unfitness. Incline Thine ear, O Lord, to our sacrifices, and write me, and those who are committed to me, in Thy books; whereby, together with the flock entrusted to me, I may both be cleansed from all sin, and be enabled to attain Thy peace.

A GENERAL PRAYER.

GIVE me, O Lord, purity of lips, a clean and innocent heart, and every upright action. Give me humility and patience, with abstinence and chastity as well as prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance. Give me the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and godliness, and of Thy fear. Make me ever to seek Thy face with all my heart, all my soul, all my mind; grant me to have a contrite and humbled heart in Thy presence—to prefer nothing to Thy love. Thou who art the Father of the highest Wisdom, drive away from me the darkness of blindness and ignorance: in Thy eternal Strength, deliver me; in Thy eternal Fortitude, assist me; and from Thy ever glorious Light, illuminate me; and by Thy infinite Mercy, have mercy on me.

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PART III.

Miscellaneous Meditations and Prayers.

Speculate on the effect of prayer, or watch it analytically, and it loses its power.

Breathe it from your heart, and it creates power to act, if acted on immediately.

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PART II.

Miscellaneous Meditations and Prayers.

A Meditation upon God's Law.

THY *Law, O God, is holy:* Thou art pure, therefore, let us purify ourselves. Enter by Thy Holy Spirit into my heart, and cast forth thereof, O Lord, whatsoever is displeasing to Thee; and when Thou hast purged it, keep it, guarding it by Thy almighty power, that the strong man armed may never more return.

THOU, *O God, shalt call us to account for every idle word.* Keep therefore, I pray, the door of my lips, that I may not offend in my speech against piety to Thee, or charity to my neighbour. Pour evermore about me such a sense of Thy divine presence, that I may speak nothing but what may be heard without offence by the ever-living watchers about Thy heavenly throne, and what I may be reminded of at the last day without trembling before Thee, my Judge. Let my

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speech tend not to my own vanity, still less to the hurt or scandal of others; but let it be seasoned with grace, and breathing of piety, so that the fruit of my lips may be to Thy glory, and to the edification of myself and others.

THOU *hast commanded us to work, for the night cometh.* Give us therefore strength and Christian manliness, to shake off the load of sloth and indolence, that we may put out Thy talents to usury, and have wherewithal to meet Thee when Thou requirest thine own again. Let not day utter to day its weary speech of hours misspent, opportunities wasted, and energies of mind and body dying down into slumber in the lap of this sinful world. Let not the night find us ashamed of our task neglected, our duty undone, lest the night of death come upon us suddenly unprepared. Rather nerve Thou our minds with new vigour; quicken our palsied souls by the in-breathing of Thy heavenly Spirit, and let us arise and work. Even to-day, O Father, let us husband our hours, and apply ourselves to the duty of our stations. Forbid us to wait idly till Thou hire us; but if Thy vineyard be open, let us enter in; or if the gate seem shut, let us give attention to reading and meditation, and brace our souls by the vigour of sober discipline, until Thy providence call us to whatever Thy wisdom shall appoint hereafter. Surely Thou hast left no man without duty, but daily callest upon us to work, or to prepare ourselves for working. Most humbly therefore and earnestly do I resolve, trusting in Thy might, to employ this day in Thy service. Bless Thou my resolution, and give me physical strength and spiritual determination to use it; that I may not be as the wicked and slothful servant. I

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know, O heavenly Father, that those also serve who only stand and wait, and that Thou canst bless us even in all disappointment; but forbid me to use these true thoughts as encouragements to false-hearted sloth; and if it be possible, Thou who didst hear the prayer of Solomon, and who evermore helpest them that cry unto Thee, bless me also to do some good work in my generation, that I may adorn the doctrine of God my Saviour, and be a fruitful branch in that heavenly vine which He evermore upholds with His mighty hand.

THOU, O God, hast said, *Be ye angry, and sin not.* Most mercifully hast Thou saved us from being swallowed up by reproach of conscience, in thus taking cognizance of our infirmities. Enlarge therefore Thy mercy that we may indeed sin not. It is of pride that we are daily angry, and make quarrels of little differences, and sins of quarrels—we neither remember in humility our own weakness, nor in charity our brother's worthiness, but blindly rush into strife, provoking the gainsayer, and requiting railing with worse railing. Keep Thou, O Lord, the issues of our hearts and the gate of our lips, that we may not be easily provoked, nor break out into clamour and reproach. Thou only, O God, art justly angered and yet free from the infirmity of anger—Vengeance is Thine, Thou shalt repay.

Give us, then, Thy grace to reflect constantly that we can suffer no reproach which we have not deserved, and that anger should have no place on our part; or if we are tempted to be angry, for the sake of the right, teach us that the followers of Christ are made perfect through suffering. We triumph by yielding, and it is our glory to bear offence meekly. Whensoever therefore our neighbour doeth wrong, let us take care to do

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right; when we are insulted or reproached, let us find means of becoming great in the kingdom of heaven by being little here, and of enhancing our crown by kissing the cross. So let us be as one that is dumb, and in whose mouth are no reproofs, because Thou, Lord, shalt answer for us, and plead Thine own cause. But, alas! it is our own pride and passion which deludes us in the form of Christian zeal. Humble us, therefore, and save us by love or fear. . . . So with modest gravity and gracious courtesy, free both from idle levity and sordid ends, let us make smooth the way of our brother, not giving and not taking offence, but abiding under Thy shadow, and kept privily in Thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues.

THOU hast bidden us, *Purify ourselves even as Thou art pure.* How then shall we stand before Thee? How shall we escape the corruption which is in the world by lust? Wretched men that we are, who shall deliver us from this body of death? Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us. Rule our ways according to Thy word; and let us make a covenant with our senses, that they be not gates and avenues of evil. Purge our eyes and our ears, to be open to things spiritual, and dead to things carnal. Chasten our lighter moments with remembrance of Thy awful power; and fill up our solitude with a guard of angels and a sober stream of holy thoughts, that we may have communion with Thee. Open before us the gates of heaven, and show us, not in terror, but in mercy, the intermediate passage of death and judgment, that our hopes and desires being concentrated on things eternal, we may not be dazzled by the lustre nor daunted by the defilement of anything temporal.

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THOU hast bidden us, *Be careful for nothing.* Whereas our thoughts and desires are ever wandering forward from the duties which are before us—we take thought for many years to come, being anxious for men's praise, or for reward, for marriage or ease, for dignity and a sphere of action as large as our vanity. Father, forgive our blind impatience; chasten our thoughts by attention to present duties, and expectation of Thy judgment in Thy eternal kingdom. Let us be more anxious to be faithful in that which is little, than to have that which is greater committed to us. Daily let me do my duty to those with whom Thou hast connected my lot, neither giving nor taking offence, but with gracious courtesy, free from sordid ends and servile flattery, free from anger and pride, minister to them according to their wants, and (striving to improve them) improve myself. So, being earnestly and calmly bent upon my duty, and enjoying from Thy Holy Spirit sanctification and peace of conscience, let all vain desires and anxieties fall from my mind; let me have faith to trust Thy providence, and humility to bow under Thy dispensation, and evermore realize in the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, the prayer of our Lord: "*Father, not my will, but Thine be done.*"

THOU hast said of him who would fain see good days, "*Let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips, that he speak no guile.*" Doubtless, O heavenly Father, imitating ever, and looking up to Thee, we should refrain our tongue from all that is evil in itself, and all that savours of this lower atmosphere of strife and selfishness and blindness. So in patience possessing our soul, we should refrain from the strife of tongues, from the outbursts of levity, the sarcasm of

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ill-nature, and the sneer which may hurt our brother. . . . O heavenly Father, calmed and hallowed by Thy abiding presence, let us not obtrude anything of our old selves upon our neighbour, but let our mind look forth in actions full of graciousness inspired and taught by Thy love, hearing calmly whatsoever others say, and sending forth in answer words the messengers of peace and givers of joy, or else abiding in meek and courteous silence. So do Thou keep us ever privily in Thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues; so in sincerity let us speak no guile, but grow in graciousness, and in the communion of saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Furthermore, forgive us all we have said wrong in times past, and bless with Thy especial goodness whomsoever I have hurt or offended in thought, word, or deed. *Amen.*

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A Psalm for the Despondent.

FEAR not, O man of many sorrows; fear not that God has not many blessings in store.

2 Though the light perish from thy path, and the hope that danced before thy eyes is quenched;

3 Say not, Whereunto shall I look forward, or where shall I go or stand? because my seed is perished, and quenched, darkness is in front; let my life also perish.

4 With the Lord is the fountain of light; He can give thee back what thou hast lost, yea, He will make it more; He can take thee also to Himself, and give thee peace, and bless thee exceedingly.

5 Neither think that the Lord hath not work for thee to do: He will make room for thy steps, and put a work in thine hands; He is training thee that thou mayest fulfil it.

6 Say unto Him, Cleanse mine eyes, that I may behold Thy will; and strengthen my hands to do it.

7 If He breathe on thee, thou shalt have life; if He lead thee through thy brethren, thou shalt walk securely.

8 God comforteth the heart of the widow, and to the orphan He raiseth up friends; with the joy of His presence He satisfieth the lonely.

9 He lifteth also the captive out of the pit of hope-

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lessness; He bringeth out of many treasures health to the sick of heart.

10 And though the Lord have respect unto the upright; yet He calleth also the man of many sins, and biddeth him welcome to a place of peace.

11 God called Augustine from his wandering; He taught him also wisdom, and instead of guilty pleasure He showed him the river of joy.

12 Dost thou mourn, because thou hast sought, and not found? so Pascal mourned, and his soul was very precious in the sight of God.

13 Hast thou lost, after loving, and art disquieted? so Abelard fell greatly, and the Lord lifted him into a place of calmness.

14 Yet seek the Lord early, while he may be found; listen to Him in thy childhood like Samuel, and serve Him from thy youth like Josiah.

15 He will lead thee farther and farther on thy way: He will bring thee safely from strength to strength.

16 He will show thee also the meaning of dark parables; He will answer thee by things great and merciful which thou knowest not.

17 Thou shalt see heaven come down to earth; the dark shadows shall flee away at the presence of God.

18 Thou shalt not be afraid in thy sleep, for His angels stand around thee; and thou shalt die in peace, because thy Father's arms are under thee.

19 He will watch over the increase of the seed thou hast trusted to Him; and He will bring the good fruit of thy faith to perfection.

20 Look up out of thy sorrow, which is but for a moment, to the Eternal; and wish for thyself the Will of Him who cannot fail.

21 Is not the desire of man's heart victory? let thy

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heart be on the Lord's side, and thou shalt surely triumph.

22 He who is our Maker worketh out His counsel for ever. Enter, O my soul, into His secret, and be thou a fellow-worker with God.

23 And though friends fall from thee, and Death strip thee bare, thy Friend shall be one that faileth not, but standeth nigh thee for ever.

24 Let thy way be before His throne, and thy thoughts flow from His will; let the springs of thy comfort be all in His living waters.

25 God teacheth His ways to the holy and humble men of heart; the pure of soul, who love men, and the followers after peace, whose eye is single, shall see His goodness.

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Domine, ne cum Cupidis.

A SONG OF DEATHLESSNESS.

LORD, appoint not my portion with the sensual, neither write my name with the proud.

2 Let me not mock at the hope of them that trust Thee, lest I wake and grieve in the region of despair.

3 Give me the hopeful eye that gazeth into heaven, and the trusting heart that resteth upon Thy truth.

4 Though the light be faint as in a deep cave, let me not consent unto darkness, but look up to the light of God.

5 And though all the billows of trial come upon me, let my heart be strong, and strengthen Thou my arms to do manfully in Thy sight.

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Fragments.

PSALMS AND MEDITATIONS.

I.

LORD GOD of mercy, have pity on the wanderer, and hear him when he crieth out of the wilderness of thought.

2 Thou hast set before him witnesses of Truth, even from the echoes of the ancient nation; Thou hast devised words for his prayer.

3 Surely the desires of my flesh have brought forth bitterness, the dark thoughts of my heart stand as enemies before me.

4 Like one that seeketh for his father, and findeth him not, and like one that sinketh in deep waters, I have gone astray, and am troubled.

5 In the words that are holy I have found thoughts of men; and I stretch forth my hands for the living God.

6 Why, O my God, art Thou like a friend that hideth himself? and why is Thy truth hidden from my eyes?

7 Show Thyself, O Lord, at the last, and have pity on Thy child, and bring his steps into the way of peace.

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8 Thou that knowest our thoughts, make Thyself known to our hearts; Thou that art from everlasting, let us behold Thy truth.

9 Hast Thou not made our souls in Thy likeness? Take away stain from the glass, and let us behold in it Thy image.

10 When Thou willest, Thy word goeth forth; Thou breathest forth Thy love, and our souls are joined to Thee.

11 Take away from me shame and rebuke; renew in me Thy strength, and show me the way of peace.

12 Lord, I will not trust in my own might; not in anger or pride will I seek peace.

13 Turn me again, and I shall be turned; take away the darkness which hideth Thee, and in the light of the living God let me see light.

II.

GOD comforteth abundantly them that mourn; the Lord is found of them that seek Him in loneliness.

2 His portion is sufficient even for the hungry soul; yea, He filleth the heart, till it runs over with consolation.

3 Many times out of our sorrow He bringeth goodness; and He letteth the tempest blow upon us, till it harden our souls in might.

4 Look up, and think of Him that upholdeth earth and heaven, and all the stars in brightness; and let thy thoughts of Him be fashioned by the holy words of old.

5 Then pray unto thy Maker and thy Saviour, until His breath come upon thy heart; and if He speak to thee in silence, listen, and quench not His breathing.

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6 Though the wicked walk in darkness, keep thou a clear understanding; and when thou dealest with men, deal in the fear of God.

III.

O GOD, the strengthener of the soul, in my weakness make perfect Thy strength.

2 Thou who takest away fitness, take away also the desire.

3 Thou who givest command, give me also power to fulfil.

4 Thou appointest my work; strengthen me to bring it to an end.

5 Thou takest away pleasures; take away uneasy desire of them.

6 Thou forbiddest to be proud; give me the breath of meekness.

7 What Thou takest, I resign gladly; what Thou givest, I accept thankfully.

8 It is enough for me that I stand in Thy sight; my mind by Thy strength is calm. Thanksgiving to Thee, O Lord, and let meekness be in my spirit.

IV.

GOD consoleth abundantly the mourners; the Lord is found of them that seek Him in loneliness.

2 But blessed are they that walk heavenward hand in hand; and who laugh, and their children play upon their knees.

3 Yea, blessed are they whom the Lord hath joined with prayer, whose faithfulness is as long as life, and their love strong as death.

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4 For their heart is not changed, though their beauty fadeth; they have sobered their youth before the Lord, and He tendereth them peace in the latter years.

5 When one falleth, the other helpeth, and the hidden word consumeth not their heart, but they dry each other's tears, and divide the sorrow, but make tenfold the joy.

6 The voice of health is in their homes, and their children grow wise by their wisdom; but when they are gathered to their fathers, their life is in them that come after them.

7 Thou God blessest them all the day long; and when the night cometh, they fear not, for their heavenly Father hath prepared their rest.

V.

LORD, Thou madest our body, and Thou knowest what is our mind.

2 Let us use our bodies holily, and do Thou breathe from heaven upon our soul.

3 If Thou raisest the body into life, raise into the blessing of health.

4 If Thou showest the soul things which flesh and blood cannot inherit, prepare us by pure heart to see God.

5 So by looking for Thy grace, and seeking the temper of Thy Spirit within us, we stretch forward towards immortality.

VI.

OH come, let us fall down and worship, let us magnify together our everlasting Maker.

2 Though we went on our way thoughtless, and

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knew not whose hands upheld us all the day; yet we will come back in soberness to His feet, and remember the prayer of thankfulness;

3 And though we be children of an hour, yet our thoughts shall abide with him that is everlasting. God is the Lord, and the giver of life, He provideth shelter for them that love Him.

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Morning Prayer.

WHEN we are awake, we are still with Thee, O God most merciful, and Thy hand is over us for good, and Thine eye fixed upon us evermore. No other friend or being is nigh unto us as Thou art. Thou stickest closer than a brother; and when our father or mother are lost to us, Thou takest us up.

We lie down under the shadow of Thy wings. We rise up, and Thy hand leads, Thy right hand upholds us. By Thee we live, and move, and have our being. Create in us, we pray Thee, a lively and a wholesome sense of what we are, and what we owe to Thee, our Maker, our Father, and our unseen Guide. Let not our hearts, the fittest place for Thy temple, and the echoing place of Thy voice, be the only place where Thou art not; but be Thou fervently acknowledged there, and worshipped in sincerity and truth. If in times past we have forgotten or wandered from Thee, yet now let us remember Thy goodness, and turn again unto Thy holy law. Be Thou the desire of our hearts, and the ruler of our thoughts. Let our souls bless Thee, and not lose the blessing of looking up to Thee for any brutish wandering or ungodly wrong-doing.

O heavenly Father, we need Thy love and Thy

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calm breath shed abroad in our souls to be a fountain of strength; we know not without Thee what may befall us this day, either of peril or of temptation, or sorrow. But thou canst put a guard about our path, and canst fence all our senses from temptation by sobering them with Thy holy fear. Thou canst recall us from vain imaginings, and calm the passionate or useless reverie. Give us then, we pray Thee, a right sense of duty, to shield us in all conflict, and guard us against sin and death. Lead us not into temptation; or when we are tempted, deliver us by humble watchfulness from all power of evil.

Let no root of bitterness spring up this day, nor let any incurable evil proceed from our lips in the short madness of anger.

Let no lust defile us, no evil envy, or jealousy, or diabolical revenge, take possession of our hearts; but let the mind that was in Christ Jesus be in us; holy, and without blemish; humble, and taking no offence; harmless, and thinking no evil; godly, and as a son of God, submitting Himself to Thy will, and with no rivalry towards men.

Save, O Lord, all whom we love, and bless all our handiwork. We go forth now in Thy strength; let Thy Holy Spirit come forth in us, as in Thy servants born of old.

So be it, O Lord.

FRAGMENT OF A MORNING PRAYER.

BLESSED be God, through whom I lay down and slept, and rose up again, because He sustained me. Give me, O heavenly Father, a spirit of modest and cheerful thankfulness; with love to all my kindred, neighbours, and fellow-creatures, who are brother-

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pensioners with me upon Thy bounty, and members of one body, Thy household of souls. Continue to me, and all whom I ought to pray for, Thy compassions every morning, so long as may be Thy holy will, and for the good of our weakness; and whenever Thou sendest bereavement among us, strengthen us to entrust our beloved into Thy hands.

But now, while we have time, let us do good to each other, and forgive and bless, abiding in love, and provoking one another only to good works; and whatever Thou givest us to do this day, let us do it with our might: if it be labour, steadily; and if it be teaching, faithfully; and if it be refreshment, thankfully. Guide us, O Lord, by Thine own counsel, and by ever looking up to heaven with the eyes of our mind, and cherishing Thy breath in the quiet of our hearts, let us have both strength to do right, and confidence in walking in it.

ANOTHER FRAGMENT OF A MORNING PRAYER.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, glory and worship be to Thee, who hast brought me to the light of another day. For this Thy divine goodness I heartily thank Thee, and pray Thee, so far as my prayer in Thy wisdom may avail, for all my relations, friends, and pupils, or persons bound to me by nature or by any ties. Grant that they also may have enjoyed under Thy protection a peaceful sleep, and may be raised up by Thy compassion to enjoy Thy goodness this day.

But since we rise with frail hearts into a world where things intended for our health may become occasion to us of falling, I beseech Thee to set a watch before our steps with Thy most holy fear; keep us from all

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greediness in eating and drinking, from impure and angry thoughts, from passionate or foolish speech, from idle jesting, and . . . Let no one of our senses be an inlet of sin, and no intercourse with our neighbours an occasion of falling. Make us holy, for Thou art holy; sober, for Thou art terrible in judgment; and meek, for Thou givest grace to the humble. Give us also the grace of gentleness in manner, and charity in heart, for Thou art love; and if we love not our brother, how can we love Thee?

Teach us to forgive our enemies, and forgive our unforgivingness.

Provide according to Thy bounty for all our inward wants, and grant us in event whatever in forethought Thou hast made desirable to fill the measure of our happiness, with the grace of thankfulness when Thou givest, and contentment when Thou takest away. Extend our sense of duty to all who come near us, and let our hearts so run over with blessing, that we may rejoice in doing good.

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Evening Prayer.

O INFINITE and Eternal One, since by Thy power we are made, and by Thy goodness preserved, we desire to come before Thee with the offering of all our hearts. We thank Thee that Thou hast brought us, not to fear Thee as a hard master, nor as an accepter of persons, but to trust in Thee as the Father of our hearts and minds, and the Saviour of all mankind. Yet grant, blessed Lord, that this knowledge of Thy goodness may never tempt us to presumption in Thy sight; but while our hearts are rejoiced by Thine infinite compassion, let them also be awed by reverence of Thy Divine Majesty, so that we may ever hallow Thy Name. Let our trust be more in Thy truth and love than in any strength of our own, or earthly refuge. Let Thy testimonies be dearer to us than thousands of gold and silver, and let the main purpose of our lives be to help forward, humbly, wisely, and steadfastly, the blessedness of Thy kingdom.

But do Thou, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth, remember and relieve the necessities of poor mankind. Let not the proud always oppress, nor the ungodly blaspheme any more. Put Thy fear among us; quicken

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the seeds of knowledge; and the more the eyes of our understanding are opened to things earthly, so much more do Thou give us the wisdom of things heavenly; and sanctifying us by the in-breathing of Thy mind, make us Thy chosen people, and be Thou our present God: and though the world move slowly, so that this Thy kingdom seem to halt, and be slow in winning, let us meekly resign the times and the seasons into Thy hands. But be it our wisdom now and ever to do Thy will; for since the heavenly powers obey Thee, why should man alone rebel? O heavenly Father, bring our wills more and more into harmony with Thine; so that acting on the plan of Thy eternal wisdom, we may give to this earth more the look and mind of heaven. Therefore, let all the sicknesses and sorrows, which are the wages of sin, become less and less; let the poverty which comes of idleness, and the shame which follows vice, retreat farther daily, like unclean beasts, before the glorious spread of the light of Thy truth; and do Thou give us, with Thy fatherly care, whatever things Thou seest good, either for our souls or our bodies.

Take us therefore this night, most merciful God, into Thy gracious protection. Bless all those whom we love, and all who have done us good, and all for whom we ought to pray; and forgive all those who have done us any evil.

Seeing also that in many things we offend all, plant in our hearts both humility and repentance towards Thee, and compassionate charity towards those who trespass against us. Forgive Thou us, as we forgive them; and, O Lord, who searchest the heart, help Thou our unforgivingness. Impute to us no iniquity, and in our spirit let there be no guile. Blot away our past sins, and especially those of this day, so

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entirely that they may not be grounds of Thy wrath, nor instruments of our shame and remorse; but rather wholesome warnings to make us humble and charitable, and more mindful, lest we fall again. Yet, since it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps, uphold us, O heavenly Father and merciful Lord, by Thy helping hand. Stand by us in our weakness, and whisper to each one of us, when he is tempted, "*I am with thee; O thou of little faith*, wherefore wilt thou fall?" So let us abide under Thy shadow, and in Thy light see light. Therefore, O Eternal God, our rock and our fortress, our deliverer and the lifter up of our head, and our bringer back from the gates of death, shall no evil happen to us, either this night, or evermore.

For, if Thou hast willed it, what men call evil shall be good; and if it be truly evil, such as would defile our immortal soul, Thou by Thy help shalt hold us back from it.

Therefore, whether we live or die, we commit ourselves and all our relations and friends to the disposal of Thy good pleasure. Let holy thoughts like good angels visit us, and let the protection of Thy providence keep away all danger from our bodies, and all evil thoughts which hurt the soul.

In this confidence we join the song of all faithful men, and of all Thy ghostly servants in heaven, saying, Glory be to Thee, for Thou art worthy to receive honour and glory and power, since through Thee all things are upheld, even as by Thee they were created.

Glory be to Thee, O Father, from all the children of men, in the unity of the Divine breathing. As the truth is in heaven, so may God teach it us upon earth, and establish it among men for ever.

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Miscellaneous Prayers.

FOR PURE INTENTION.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone gavest us the breath of life, and alone canst keep alive in us the breathing of holy desires, we beseech Thee for Thy compassions' sake to sanctify all our thoughts and endeavours, that we may neither begin an action without a pure intention, nor continue it without Thy blessing; and grant that, having the eyes of our understanding purged to behold things invisible and unseen, we may in heart be inspired with Thy wisdom, and in work be upheld by Thy strength, and in the end be accepted of Thee, as Thy faithful servants, having done all things to Thy glory, and thereby to our endless peace.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

FOR CARRYING OUT THE SAME.

O GOD, who in mercy hast taught us how good it is to follow the holy desires which Thou manifoldly puttest into our hearts, and how bitter is the grief of falling short of whatever beauty our minds behold, strengthen us, we beseech Thee, to walk

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stedfastly throughout life in the better path which our hearts once chose; and give us wisdom to tread it prudently in Thy fear, as well as cheerfully in Thy love; so that having been faithful to Thee all the days of our life here, we may be able hopefully to resign ourselves into Thy hands hereafter.

FOR WISDOM.

O MERCIFUL Father, who wouldest not that Thy children should perish in ignorance, but hast sent Thy blessed Son to be unto us the Way, the Truth, and the Life; pour the light of Thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and enable us not to be blinded any more by the shadow, or dazzled by the brightness of the world; but with true hearts to discover what is Thy holy will, to discern the precious from the vile, the spiritual from the carnal, and with all meekness to fashion our hearts and lives to the obedience of heavenly wisdom, that we may in Thy light see light, and by humility in things temporal attain to the glory of things eternal. Thus, O gracious Father, I, who am blind and foolish and wayward, earnestly pray, for Thy Name's sake, desiring to sacrifice my pride and self-will, and to walk wisely with patience in whatever way Thou hast appointed.

FOR OBEDIENCE AND PATIENCE.

O GOD, who art our Maker, and who art almighty, so that to strive with Thee is madness, let me learn diligently the laws by which human life should be governed; and with faithful heart obey them in patience, (not following my own corrupt will, nor thinking my own thoughts, nor glorifying myself in my imagination or actions, but) meekly resigning my-

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self to Thy good pleasure, and patiently taking up the cross of my Lord all the days of my life, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Master. *Amen.*

FOR PATIENCE AND RESIGNATION TO THE WILL OF GOD.

O GOD, the Father of Consolation, let me neither desire anything against Thy Will, nor in disappointment seek comfort away from Thee; but knowing Thy will to comprehend what is best in both my own life and my neighbour's, and in that of all creatures, let me ever resign myself to Thy disposal, who out of evil bringest good, and to whom our prayer should be in perfect peace. Give us what Thou seest fit, only fit us for what Thou givest.

O GOD, who makest cheerfulness the companion of strength, but apt to take wings in time of sorrow; we humbly beseech Thee that if for our own unworthiness, or in Thy sovereign wisdom, Thou sendest weakness, yet for Thy mercy's sake deny us not the comfort of patience. Lay not more upon us, O heavenly Father, than Thou wilt enable us to bear; and since the fretfulness of our spirits is more hurtful than the heaviness of our burden, grant us that heavenly calmness which comes of owning Thy hand in all things, and patience in the trust that Thou doest all things well.

O GOD, the receiver of our souls, and the comforter of them that mourn, whose will is our peace, and to whom obedience is true freedom; grant me so to be lead by Thy Holy Spirit, that I may be free from vain hopes and repinings, and from all wrong desires; but may I through patience have

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experience, and through experience hope, and not be ashamed of hoping in Thee, our Father and our Friend, whose holy will be done now and for ever.

FOR PEACE, WITH A CLEAN CONSCIENCE.

O GOD, who puttest into our hearts such deep desire, that we cannot be at peace until we enjoy the feeling of Thy love; mercifully grant that the unspeakable sighing of our souls' need may not go unsatisfied because of any baser appetite smothering it, or of any accompanying unrighteousness of heart, which must divide us from the All-holy One; but strengthen us to do right by whomsoever we have wronged in thought, word, or deed; to renounce all malicious plans or wrong-doings for the future; to purge our thoughts in purity, and govern our appetites in manly soberness; so that silent prayer being joined with visible acting, and the holy yearning of our soul having for its companion righteousness of heart, we may have no bar between us and Thy glory, but enjoy Thy peace which passeth understanding.

FOR CHARITY.

O GOD, the enlightener of men, who of all graces givest the most abundant blessing upon heavenly love; we beseech Thee to cleanse us from selfishness, and grant us, for the love of God, so to love our brethren that we may be Thy children upon earth; and thereby, walking in Thy truth, attain to Thy unspeakable joy, who art the giver of life to all who truly love Thee.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

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FOR FORGIVENESS AND TRUST.

LORD, who searchest the heart, and understandest our thoughts from the beginning, I beseech Thee, for Thy fatherly goodness' sake, to save me both from false peace and from unreasonable alarm. Enable me to discover and cast out whatever is displeasing to Thee in my heart, and to amend whatever is amiss in my life; and do Thou, who lovest us better than we know, forgive me all the past, both blotting out the stain and setting me free from the power of evil.

But, for the future, persuade me of Thy goodness, that Thou canst not hate or hurt Thy children wilfully; and with such faith let me walk on my path in unshaken calmness, having committed my soul to Him who knoweth whereof we are made, and reckoneth not our shortcomings for ever.

FOR PROTECTION AND COUNSEL.

O GOD, who art the Creation and the Resurrection, by whose providence we come into life, and at whose command we go hence, and are no more seen; we heartily beseech Thee never to leave Thy children without protection against all dangers without, and effectual counsel against all temptation within. Lead us along the path of life, that we may ever walk warily and holily and acceptably in Thy sight; give us whatever Thou hast made necessary to our happiness by the laws of nature or the force of right habit, and add no sort of curse with Thy blessing.

Grant us to make so right and pious a use of all the capacities and powers which Thou givest us, that we may in good conscience render an account without fear.

But whatever sins we commit, forgive; and what-

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ever ignorance, through our frailty, we fall into, do Thou mercifully enlighten. Enable us to restrain all greedy and gross appetite of the flesh, to subdue all headstrong and unruly desire, and to be thoroughly cleansed from every impure or filthy thought. Let us possess our souls in Thy most holy fear; our tongues in truth-telling meekness and gentleness; and all our bodies in soberness, temperance, and chastity.

Thou knowest how far our steps have wandered; bring us therefore back in Thy exceeding mercy, and put the ring on our finger, and the wedding garment about our bodies, and the joy of a reconciled spirit in our hearts.

And whenever we go hence, Thou knowest, O God, what in mercy is fittest to be done with us; earth to earth, and dust to dust; but our souls we trust to that which even on earth we have laboured to know, and desire though imperfectly to love, even to Thee, O Father, and to the communion of all holy men from the beginning; even so, if it seem good to Thee, O Father.

ANOTHER PRAYER OF THE SACRED BOOKS.

BLESSED God, who hast caused all good books for our learning, as Thou givest all good thoughts for our thinking, grant us not to misuse any gift of Thy wisdom or of Thy breath. So let us read all holy books carefully, and listen to wise teaching modestly, and meditate on good sayings profitably, and let no pride or bodily humour harden our hearts; but above all, by the true presence of Thy holy Breath, and by Thy constant blessing on all our words and works, lead us into Thy Truth, and give us Thy Peace which the world cannot give.

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AGAINST ESTRANGEMENT BY SIN.

O GOD, Thy holiness is better than life; Thy presence is the comfort of my soul.

But the thought of evil is a veil between us; when I remember my sin, I can no longer look up to Thee. Blot out my transgressions with Thy love; uphold my goings with Thy holiness.

Behold, I come unto Thee, and say, Father, I have sinned against Thee, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son. Put the ring of a binding faith on my finger, and the robe of a true holiness on my body and mind, and keep me by Thyself for ever.

OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE AMONG THE NATIONS.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose providence we see in the old Hebrew history the righteousness of a solemn priesthood, and in the records of Christ's apostles the awakening of a more free religion among men; mercifully grant that, setting aside what is temporal and accidental in each, we may lay fast hold of what is essential and eternal.

Give us grace to acknowledge Thy wisdom in establishing governments, rectifying laws, and consecrating every instrument of Thy worship; neither let us deem any part of our Church and State estranged from Thy blessing and Thy providence: but also teach us that Thy word is spirit and truth, Thy chosen temple is the heart, and love of Thee becomes love to our brethren; neither is there any man but shall render Thee account for all bad thoughts, words, and works. Thus lead us into all good; but deliver us from all evil, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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ALMIGHTY God and heavenly Father, we beseech Thee that Thou wilt be to our souls no less tender and compassionate than the love and hope of mankind have painted Thee; but since we call Thee present, be not Thou afar off when we cry for help; since we seek our daily bread from the great storehouse of Thy providence, give us whatever Thou seest good; since we offer before Thee our confession, believing that Thou forgivest sins, blot all our past offences out of Thy book, and give us again Thy peace all the days of our life.

Neither let men ever fail to be born in our commonwealth, who from time to time may deliver us from evil, either resisting our enemies, or teaching Thy holy truth in its simplicity. By such messengers of Thy providence may we be helped in our need, but never give to them the glory of Him who sendeth them; but in these and in all other things be Thou only magnified, whose name is Wonderful, the everlasting Father, the Saviour and the Counsellor, the Healer of sorrow, and the Comforter of the weak of heart. Thou only art our God, and our highest Father. Do Thou for us graciously above all we can either ask or think, who commit ourselves as Thy children unto Thy fatherly hands for ever.

FOR GRACE TO CONTEND FOR THE RIGHT.

O LORD, the eternal lifegiver, who liftest out of death and shame all godlike sufferers for Thy truth, and settest even their humanity on high, making it glorious in men's thoughts, by its partaking of Thy Eternal Spirit; give us grace to contend always for the right, and, if needs be, to suffer for it, and give us not over to any death of the soul, but rather lift us

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into newness of life, and let us love Thee and dwell with Thee for ever.

BEFORE AND AFTER SERVICE.

O GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse my thoughts at this entering into Thy house, that with pure heart I may fall low before Thy footstool, and with humble voice make acceptable petitions before Thee, in whom we live, and move, and have our being. *Amen.*

O LORD, who hast taught us, that not the hearers of the word, but the doers, are justified in Thy sight, send me hence with such growth in grace, that all my thoughts and words in private and public may henceforward be more in harmony with Thy gracious will, and let Thy almighty blessing be upon my uprising and lying down, and upon my going out and my coming in, [and about my path and about my bed,] now and for evermore. *Amen.*

FOR UTTERANCE SPIRITUAL, AND VOICE PHYSICAL.

O ETERNAL Father of our spirits, whose thought is not in vain, nor Thy word returns empty; grant that as by Thy holy inspiration we think rightly of Thee, so by Thy continual help we may speak prayerfully to persuade men; and let neither the fountain of Thy word in us fail, nor the instruments of music be broken; but with clearness of speech, and in all joyful confidence, let us be heard of all men when we teach, and have the witness of their consciences that we are Thy messengers, and be

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owned of Thee in our work, to the honour of Thy Holy Name.

LORD, who sendest apostles from of old, give Thy servants utterance to speak Thy word in power. Let Thy Spirit dwell in us holily, and Thy word come from us clearly, as a two-edged sword dividing men's souls, and making the good depart from evil.

FOR THE HEAVENLY GRACE OF PREACHING.

O GOD of truth, and Father of compassion, have mercy on all who like St. Peter are tempted in unworthiness and weakness to fall down, when they should teach Thy will, and to say, *Depart from us, O Lord, for we are sinful men.* Revive them, O Lord, with Thy quickening mercy, and refresh them with Thy sanctifying grace; that although our sins are more in number than the hairs of our head, and Thy terrors frighten us, and our old opinions fade from us, and the things we thought wrong turn out right, and what once seemed to us wisdom is foolishness; for Thou alone givest the true wisdom of cleansing the heart; yet, O merciful Father, have compassion on our weakness; teach us Thy truth, that we may become truly teachers; send the spirit of sincerity and of holiness, with the spirit of faith and of love and of wisdom, into our hearts; and pour forth grace and reverence on our lips, that we may learn humbly, explain wisely, and plead Thy cause persuasively, and be both owned of Thee as Thy servants, and sow seed which shall bear fruit abundantly to everlasting life.

NEVER, O Lord, let anger or desire point the words of Thy messenger; nor let our sight of Thy

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truth be disturbed, nor our care for men's endless peace be distracted by the mixing of selfishness with our preaching. Break rather such idols out of Thy sanctuary, and out of all our hearts; and in singleness of heart as unto Thee, and in Thy fear, let us teach Thy truth, to the saving of men's souls.

ASPIRATIONS.

LORD, increase my faith in Thee and Thy love and truth, and in Things holy, pure, and blessed, against all distracting temptations, and all thoughts and things that lead astray.

Yea, Lord, increase my faith, after Thy will, and by Thy wisdom, in Thy life-giving presence, in Thy eternal hope, in righteousness, peace, and hope of unfading immortality.

LORD, Thou canst give strength. Take hold of me with Thy right hand, and I stretch forward to eternity.

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